



The Macquarie Memo

Issue 8: 25 March 2021

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 25 March

Les Cucamelons School photos

Year 5/6 Netball gala day (selected students)

Monday 29 March

Les Kalettes & K-6 School Photos

Wednesday 31 March

Assembly 2.15pm

Host - School Captain

Thursday 1 April

Last day of term 1

Monday 19 April

First day of term 2

Friday 23 April

Year 3/4 excursion

From our Deputy

Today we began enrichment across years 1-6. I'm sure children will be coming home keen to discuss with families. Don't forget to ask your child how their first lesson went if they don't mention it. We had such a positive response to our request for volunteers to support enrichment programs. Thank you to the eleven parents who are coming in to help, we really appreciate the extra hands so children can access more one to one support. Don't forget to pay the \$4 a semester for Enrichment. This money covers the cost of the additional materials we use to run the programs such as food, fabric, mosaic tiles and so on - the note is on our website. We hope to continue growing enrichment, providing a larger range of program and experiences for children. Teachers will reflect at the end of the year about the benefits of enrichment before planning for 2022. We would also like to collect parent anecdotal feedback so as your child continues on their enrichment journey, please send me an email and let me know what is working well and what we could tweak.

It has been a wet week and we thank parents for their considered and safe use of the carpark at pick up and drop off. The carpark can be tricky at peak times but patience ensures everyone gets home safely.

As reported in previous emails we have been successful in winning a *Healthy Canberra Grant*. The purpose of the grant is to further support the wellbeing of students at our school. We will be collecting some data around wellbeing using the *ACER Social Emotional Wellbeing Survey*. A note will come early next term home allowing parents to opt out if they prefer their child not participate in this survey. The survey is one way we will identify students who may benefit from the programs on offer – circus, art therapy, drumming, Cool Kids program. Parents and teachers can also refer students. Keep an eye out for the parent referral form next term. There will be options for parents to upskill also. Students who are referred for Cool Kids will require parent/s to attend (this program is specifically for children who show signs of anxiety) and Tuning Into Kids will also be available for parents.

Years 3 and 5 did a practice NAPLAN session today. Please reassure children that it is just about learning how to log on, the variety of questions that may come up, how to navigate using the laptop etc. If you are concerned about your child's participation in NAPLAN please talk to your child's teacher so they are aware. Parents can choose to withdraw their child from NAPLAN participation – please speak with Veronique if you feel that is in your child's best interests.

The teachers continue to work through our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) implementation process. In term one, students have reviewed the expectations and teachers have reported that although we created them in 2019, they are still relevant to our students now. This means we will move towards permanent signage of the expectations across the school. Staff are handing out 'tokens' to acknowledge safe, respectful and learning behaviours. At the end of semester we will have a celebration of students' achievements. Over the next term we hope to move into a focus on classroom spaces and as we work through the process of implementation we will move from a whole school focus on acknowledging positive behaviours to looking at class achievement of positive behaviours. We hope to tie in our certificates and awards at assembly to this in the long term.

Lastly, but very importantly, school photos are on Monday so remember to have children in full school uniforms please.

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 President: Thank you to everyone who came along to help at the working bee last weekend. We accomplished so much and could not have done it without your help.



We still have a couple of vacant positions on the P&C if anyone is able help out:

- Secretary
- Fundraising and Events

If you would like a copy of the job description for any role, please don't hesitate to contact our acting secretary, Sarah: macquariepandc@gmail.com. The P&C is a fantastic way to meet new people, have fun and most importantly – to give our kids fantastic experiences outside of the classroom.

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop is open Mondays 8:45 - 9:15, Wednesdays 3:00 - 3:30 and Fridays 8:45 - 9:15. Scarves and beanies are available in red or green polar fleece for \$5 each. Purchase at the shop or order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Week 8 & 9 Sale: All second hand items are buy 1 get 1 FREE. Come on in a grab a bargain!

Canteen: 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.

Parent Class Representatives: Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who have taken on the role of class parent representative! Your class parent rep can be contacted via their email address listed below, and you will hear from your class rep across the year with special announcements and school news.

We still need a parent representative for Les Cucamelons and Les Fruit de Dragons. Please email classparentrepsmps@gmail.com to volunteer.

LIBRARY NEWS

Repairing Books

Sometimes our library books are so well used and loved that they can get damaged easily. Here are some ways we can take care of our library books:

- Wash your hands before picking up a book
- Don't have your books around food and drinks
- Keep your books away from babies – give them a board book to hold or read the book to them instead
- Keep your books in a library bag
- Turn the pages carefully

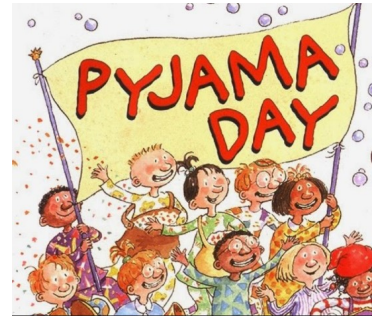
But accidents happen! If your library book is damaged **please don't try and repair it**. Send it back to the library (with a note if the damage isn't obvious eg "page 83 is torn"). We have special glue, tape and other equipment that we use to extend the life of our books so they can still be enjoyed by other children. I have a popular book on my desk, freshly repaired after being borrowed 75 times and is now ready to be borrowed again!

MACQUARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL SRC PYJAMA DAY

The SRC will be hosting a Pyjama Day on Thursday 1 April (last day of term). Students (and staff) are asked to wear their pyjamas to school and to bring in a gold coin donation. The funds raised will go towards various equipment for our school such as sandpit toys etc.

Thank you for your support.

Veronique Canellas, Cynan Brace and MPS SRC



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo envelopes were sent home last week. If you did not receive one please contact the office. Sibling order forms can be collected from the office. A discount applied for families with 3 or more children, after purchasing individual packs for each child a sibling photo pack of your choice will be free. Sibling photos will only be taken if an envelope is completed.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

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
Endeavour Voyage Discovery	Les Legumes	Tuesday 20 April
Canberra Museum and Gallery	Preschool	Thursday 30 April
Cross Country Information	Year 2-6	Friday 23 April

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

Pack waste free food. Pack food in reusable containers, drinks in reusable bottles and reusable utensils when needed. Avoid lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
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Avoiding all nuts.

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