



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Deputy Principal

Welcome to week 4. It was unfortunate we couldn't run the Athletics Carnival last week even though Friday was lovely and sunny - with all the rain it was just too boggy. This week has also been quite wet so the carnival has had to be cancelled again. We will run the Athletics Carnival later in the school year. Students who wish to participate in the Belconnen Regional carnival will be given the opportunity to participate in modified races tomorrow here at school.

You will have seen in the past two newsletters that the School Satisfaction and Climate Survey will be arriving in inboxes soon. Keep an eye out for it and make some time to give us feedback on your experience here at Macquarie Primary School.

One of the areas that parents showed concern about in the last survey was the 'availability of healthy food and drink at my child's school'. The P&C provide opportunity for students to access a lunch order once a week through an external company. This company is required to meet healthy food guidelines and ensure there are healthy options available for purchase.

The use of computer technology at school has increased, in particular over the past eighteen months, with students learning from home for a period. Students are now very familiar with the learning platform, Google Classroom, and how to use it to access learning, communicate with their teacher and others and demonstrate their learning. Some teams are utilising 'flipped teaching' where students engage with interactive content focusing on key concepts prior to collaborative activities that clarify concepts and contextualise knowledge through application, analysis and planning and problem solving. Students also use technology as a tool to share their learning. In the senior school we have increased the number of laptops significantly and now have a ratio of 1:2. Teachers can now run lessons with every child having access to a device. Junior school students are much more familiar with the logon process and are working towards independence. Technology is an integral part of learning and teaching at Macquarie Primary School.

This week our students have been fortunate in accessing the St John Ambulance First Aid School Course. This course provides basic first aid training to students across the school. Be sure to ask your children what they learnt.

For those students who have purchased ICAS tests, Digital Technologies (Thursday 9.30am) and Writing (Friday 9.30am) will take place next week.

Jodie

Friday 6 August

Athletics carnival

Monday 9 August

ICAS writing

Tuesday 10 August

Year 5 combined band to Aranda Primary 9.20-11.35am

Wednesday 11 August

Assembly 2.25pm

Host: Les Agrumes

Thursday 12 August

ICAS digital technologies 9.30am

Friday 13 August

SRC Olympics

Monday 16—Friday 20 August

Science Week

Wednesday 18 August

Assembly 2.25pm

Host: Les Sureaux

Thursday 19 August

ICAS English 9.30am

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Principals' Day
2021



Join us on **Friday 6 August 2021** and say **THANK YOU** to your school's Principal.

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: Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped out with last week's sausage sizzle. We could not have done it without you.



Thank you to those families that have donated to the school's board game library. The P&C voted at our last meeting to contribute \$2,500 to enable the school to purchase additional board games across all age groups. It's not too late if you would like to donate a game, either new or preloved (as long as it's complete), please bring them to the school office.

The readathon is now underway. Don't forget to remind your children to record every book they've listened to, had read to them or read themselves on their readathon sheets - they all count. The readathon ends at midnight 22 August, with prizes awarded at the Book Week parade. Happy reading.

Gardens and Grounds: Term 3 Working Bee - Saturday 28 August. Despite not feeling like it, spring is only 4 weeks away. So why not make the most of the last Saturday of winter by taking part in our upcoming working bee. Now is the perfect time to get into the gardens of the school grounds, so if you would like to get involved please drop a quick email to Chris Hollins (grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com).

Canteen: We are seeking a new canteen coordinator to help with our regular Friday canteen orders. If you are able to help coordinate the volunteers roster and manage our Flexischools page – we would love to have you. Please send an email to: canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com. A huge thank you to Tina for running this program for us so far this year.

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: 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 weet-bix.

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop is open on **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15am, **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 3:30pm, and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15am.

Cash and card payments are accepted. Orders can also be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au. No need to collect online orders - they will be sent home with students.

Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times, or may be left at the front office. Any questions can be sent to uniforms.mps@gmail.com

MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Citrons Verts	Louis & Frankie
Les Oranges	Bilal & Johnathan
Les Ananas	Thomas & Domi
Les Fruits de Dragon	Mahilini & Ajang
Les Kiwis	Anastasia & Marram
Les Litchis	Aariz & Emme

CHICKEN POX

Another confirmed case of Chicken Pox has been identified within our school community. This is a highly contagious viral illness and ACT Government health regulations require students with these infections be excluded from school.

Should a member of your family present symptoms, I encourage you to contact your family doctor.

Thank you for your support of our community's wellbeing.



2021 SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **13 August to 3 September**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

- For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:
- A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please call the front office to provide an email prior to the 13 August.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office or we can send them home in an envelope if you contact the front office to request one.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. **We will have a laptop available in the front office for parents to access if they would like help logging on or if they don't have a device to use at home.**

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS

Les Agrumes— We will be expanding on their knowledge of public and private parts by investigating the questions 'What are public and private places?' and 'What makes a place private?' We will be doing this by being thinkers who make connections to things that we have learned help us with our new learning.

Les Fruits Tropicaux— We will learn about consent: What it means to ask for consent and how to respect people's personal space.

Les Baies— We will be exploring respectful relationships. Students will identify the behaviours and actions they value in respectful friendships and explore the key behaviours indicative of respectful relationships.

WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Next week is Winter walk to school week.

We encourage students and parents/carers to pick active travel on as many days of the week as they can.

Staff will walk to school on the **Friday 13 August** from Cook Shops at 8:30am and Macquarie Shops at 8:45am. Join us for a morning of movement!



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
Combined band	Year 5 band	Monday 2 August
Arboretum	Les Baies	Friday 13 August
Zoo	Les Agrumes & Les Pêches	Friday 13 August
Botanical Gardens	Les Petit Légumes	Tuesday 17 & Thursday 19 August
Camp Birrigai	Les Légumes & Les Pêches	Friday 27 August

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

Make your own bee's wax wraps and use it instead of plastic cling wrap.

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
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P&C FATHER'S DAY STALL Friday 03 September 2021

Dear Families,

The P&C Father's Day Stall is being held on Friday 03 September in the School Hall.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the following:

- Set Up 8am – 9am
- Manning the stall before recess
- Manning the stall between recess and lunch
- Pack Up

If you are free to assist, please complete the below Volunteer form and return it to the school office by Friday 27 August, 2021.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,
Christie

P&C FATHER'S DAY STALL – VOLUNTEER FORM

Your name: _____

Name of child/ren and their class/es _____

Contact Details (Phone / Email) _____

Preference (please tick):

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Setup | 0800 – 0900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Manning a Stall | 0900 – 1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Manning a Stall | 1000 – 1100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Manning a Stall | 1100 – 1200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pack Up | 1200 - Lunch |