



The Macquarie Memo

Issue 21: 21 July 2022

From our Principal

Welcome back to term three. I hope everyone managed to get some quality time with their family over the break. The students have certainly returned looking refreshed, happy to reconnect with friends and continue with their learning.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 18—Friday 22 July

NAIDOC week

Monday 25 July

100 days of Kindergarten

Tuesday 26 July

Athletics Carnival

P & C Meeting 6pm

Thursday 28 July

Kindergarten & Proud Pelicans excursion to the zoo

Board meeting 4.30pm

Monday 1 August

Hats on

P&C readathon begins

Friday 5 August

Pupil free day

Monday 15—Friday 19 August

Science Week

Monday 22—Friday 26 August

Book week

We are on the downhill run to spring now. As we get closer to Canberra's high UV period we return to hats on. The date for hats on is 1 August, Monday of week 3. Every two years we update our SunSmart procedures and this is a process we are doing this term. The SRC looked over this document this week and provided feedback. It will be taken to the Board for consideration next. The contents of the procedure are driven by the Directorate policy *Sun (UV) Protection for Students*. This policy can be accessed on our school website.

You may have noticed that the shipping container was painted grey over the holidays. Today and tomorrow all students will contribute to a mural being painted on the garden shipping container for NAIDOC week. Kristie Peters, the artists who did our year 6 school shirts, is coming in to lead this initiative. I hope you enjoy watching it develop.

Also, in the garden we began our work with Bunnings on creating an Indigenous Garden today. This project will be staged over time so also something to keep an eye on.

You will have received a letter from me last week. The letter outlines some of the potential challenges this term presents as Covid cases are on the increase. As a school our Covid Safety Plan remains the same. The Directorate has also provided a staffing matrix to support schools to manage staff shortages. We hope not to have to go to remote learning this term but there is certainly a risk of this. We will do our best to communicate quickly and effectively with families should we get to a point where this is a reality. We really appreciate all the support we've been given so far by our community.

Jodie

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For the latest information regarding COVID-19 in the ACT visit <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/home>

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Athletics carnival lunch orders and volunteers: The P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle for the athletics carnival on Tuesday July 26. Lunch orders are available to purchase via Flexischools. We will need lots of volunteers to help on the day, please! If you are able to help with transporting items from school, setting up, cooking and/or serving on the day, please send an email to: mpspandcvc@gmail.com



Term 3 P&C Meeting Tuesday 26th of July: The next meeting for the P&C will be held between 6pm - 7pm on Tuesday 26 July. The meeting will be held remotely and if you would like to attend, please email macquariepandc@gmail.com for an invite to be sent.

Readathon: It's nearly Readathon time! Start getting your books in line, ready for the Readathon starting August 1. Further details to come.

Attention all Electric Eel Parents We are still trying to organise a volunteer for our year 3/4 class - the Electric Eels. If you are able to help out from that class, please send an email to: classparentrepsmps@gmail.com. It is very minimal work – perhaps 10 minutes every few weeks to let your class know what is going on.

Canteen: Orders can be placed via Flexischools with a strict cut off of 8.30am Friday mornings. To top up your existing account or set up an account for new students head to flexischools.com.au or install the app to your phone.

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop is open: **Mondays and Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15 and new time on **Wednesdays** 2:55 - 3:15. Need a house shirt for the sports carnival next week? There are some second-hand house coloured shirts available in the shop - only \$2. Scarves and beanies are still available on flexischools and in the shop for \$5 each. Orders for new uniform items can be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au. Online orders will be sent home with students. Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club has been distributed, and orders are due in by Sunday August 7. There is a free book offer for orders over \$30 BUT if you are using the LOOP app you will need to update to the latest version BEFORE placing your order. You can also place orders through www.scholastic.com.au/loop

Mem Fox's Read-Aloud Commandments

Reading to and with your children is the most important thing you can do to not only boost your child's literacy skills, but to instil that all-important life long love of reading. Mem Fox, one of Australia's most well-known authors and advocates for early literacy, has published her "Ten read-aloud commandments" to encourage reading at home. I will add these to our newsletter each week this term, since Term 3 at MPS is full of literacy – the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge, a Read-a-thon is coming up, and of course Book Week!

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

CYBER SECURITY FOR KIDS

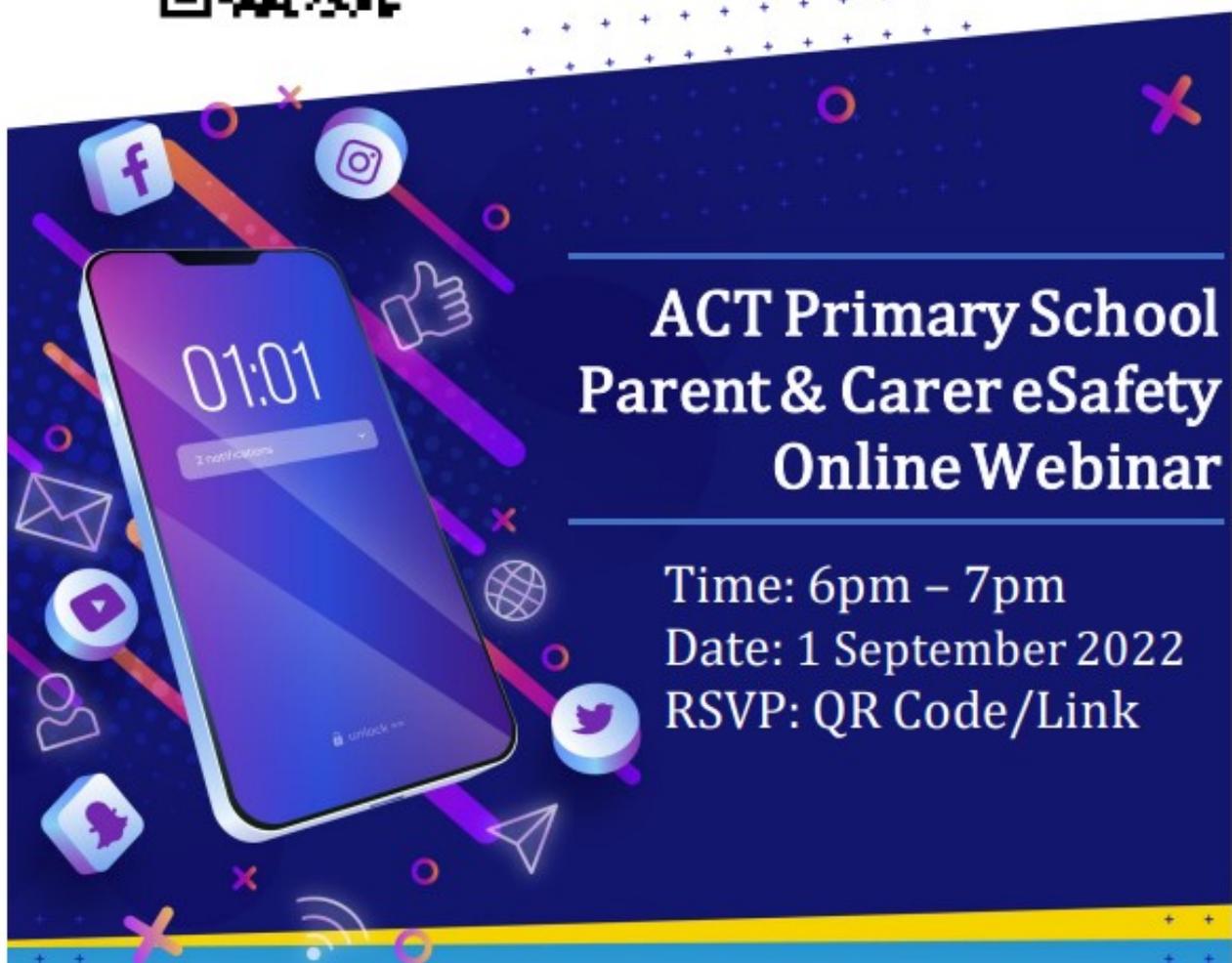
The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) has launched a 'Cyber Security Instruction Manual: Kids Cyber Security Guide'. The guide is for parents, teachers and carers to teach children in primary school about basic cyber security steps and how to stay secure online.

To download the manual and cyber security resources and activities for children, visit [Cyber Security for kids | Cyber.gov.au](https://www.cyber.gov.au/cyber-security-for-kids).



RSVP using the QR Code or Link:

bit.ly/3nIdMIP



ACT Primary School Parent & Carer eSafety Online Webinar

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Date: 1 September 2022

RSVP: QR Code/Link

Topics:

- Understanding eSafety issues impacting young people
- Hard to have conversations with your child
- Where to go and how to report when things go wrong
- Current Trends and Updates

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Library Trust Fund donations	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2022 Stationery supplies	All students	Payments welcome anytime
Band payment	Year 5 & 6 band	Payments welcome anytime
Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
National Zoo and Aquarium	Kindergarten & Proud Pelicans	Thursday 21 July

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.

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.

OUR CLASS NAMES

Preschool	The Little Nippers	Green Yabbies & Red Crayfish
Kindergarten	The Great Barriers	Curious Crocodiles, Super Seahorses & Shiny Sharks
Year 1/2	The Mangroves	Sensational Sea Snakes, Courageous Clams, Sweet Sea Stars & Great Ghost Crabs
Year 3/4	Coral Coliseum	Majestic Mud Crabs, Terrific Tiger Sharks & Electric Eels
Year 5/6	Freshwater Fish	Magnificent Murray Cod, Splendid Silver Perch, Golden Galaxias & Scintillating Saratogas
Small Group	The Water Birds	Proud Pelicans

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Take your own reusable shopping bags. Leave them in your handbag and car.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

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