



The Macquarie Memo

Issue 7: 18 March 2021

From our Principal

Dear families and friends

Its been quite busy this week with both our year 2 and 3 students accessing Aquasafe water safety lessons this week and our big kids off to camp. It certainly changes the playground when a large portion of our students are away. Due to these events we have limited the playground areas to the Namadgi side to make sure we can supervise students adequately.

Speaking about supervision, each morning before school we have a staff member on the Namadgi side of the school from 8:45am. When students arrive at school they need to be on that side of the playground unless supervised by a parent or carer.

Since the closure of access to the Canberra International Church carpark for Macquarie primary families the Board endorsed the school contracting a traffic consultant to investigate within school parking infrastructure and see if we can make enhancements, additions or restructures to support the traffic flow and carpark access. Ann and I met with the consultant on Tuesday and we are hoping to have some further information in the next couple of weeks.

I have received information from the Infrastructure Capital Works section of the Education Directorate that the Namadgi building toilet upgrade is scheduled for the 2021/22 financial year. I am sure everyone will be pleased that this upgrade is now time lined. This gives us time to ensure that the design and components are suitable for the space. Please see the proposed design for the toilet upgrades attached to this newsletter.

Part of our assembly next week (Wednesday 24 March) will be dedicated to recognising our wonderful swimmers from the recent swimming carnival. We would love to have our community there as we celebrate students' swimming achievement. Congratulations to An for qualifying for the ACT 12 & under swimming championships which will be held next term.

I will be away from school for the last week of this term and the first week of next term. I am part of a team of principals and administrators who will be performing school reviews across the ACT system. This is a great opportunity for me to spend an extended period in a couple of other primary schools, to learn about innovative practice and support our school in achieving our strategic goals.

If I don't see you before the end of the term, have a great break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Danielle

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 17 —Friday 19 March

Year 5/6 Camp Wombaroo

Wednesday 17 March

Assembly 2.15pm

Host - Les Citrons Verts & Les Oranges

Wednesday 24 March

Assembly 2.15pm

Host - Les Aubergines

Year 3/4 Netball gala day (selected students)

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

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School photo envelopes were sent home on Monday. 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.

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

Garden and Grounds: WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY! If you are able to volunteer some time to work on the school grounds at the Working Bee we will be focusing on:

- * the new community garden
- * the black top garden beds
- * preschool grounds
- * more if we get enough volunteers!

Refreshments will be provided throughout the morning and a BBQ lunch will be provided at end to say thanks! If you can make it, please let Chris know: grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com



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

Week 8 & 9 Sale! All second hand items are buy 1 get 1 free. Come on in and 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.

Year 2 & 3 students participating in the Aquasafe program and year 5 & 6 students going away to camp this week will not be able to order a canteen lunch this Friday. Canteen is available as usual for other students.

Parent Class Representatives: We have had a great response from parents volunteering to be class parent representatives! Thank you to those of you who have taken on this important role. We now have only four classes that still need a rep:

Les Broccolis, Les Fruit de dragons, Les Cucamelons and Les Groseilles

If you are a parent of a child in one of these classes and can spare a few minutes a week as a class parent, please email classparentrepsmps@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Due tomorrow, Friday 19 March. Orders can be completed online at www.scholastic.com.au/loop OR exact change and paper order form can be taken to the front office in a labelled envelope. If you have misplaced the brochure it can be found [here](#). Orders can also be placed as gifts – check the 'GIFT' box on LOOP. You will be contacted when it arrives as it will NOT be sent home with your child.

Reading routine

"Establishing a reading routine from a young age helps children to develop strong lifelong reading habits. Bedtime reading is often the easiest routine to put in place as it is already a time of calmness, closeness and winding down from a busy day. However, there may be other opportunities throughout your day where reading routines can be established. There's no right or wrong time. Do whatever will work best for you and your family." Daley, Megan (2019) *Raising Readers: how to nurture a child's love of books*.

MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Peches	Callum W
Les Brocolis	Shahd A & Nathan H
Les Aubergines	An L & Umu-J S
Les Citrouilles	Jason T & Jennie L
Les Concombres	Dan L, Hadya Z & Anika W
Les Groseilles	Wei Qi Y, Freya W & Mahtaya F
Les Fraises	Baran G, Manaia W & Zohaer J
Les Sureaux	Sage M, Jason S & Claudia C

ACT schools will participate in NAPLAN Online testing from 11-21 May 2021.

Students in year 3 and year 5 will participate in a practice/familiarisation test next week on Thursday 25 March, 2021. The practice test does not assess student performance and has been developed to replace one of the familiarisation activities that schools have traditionally undertaken.

As a parent, you can become familiar with NAPLAN Online tests by visiting the public demonstration site, <http://bit.ly/naplanonline>

The purpose of the site is to familiarise students with the type of items they will see on NAPLAN Online and related functionalities.

A letter will be distributed to year 3 and year 5 families early next week with further information about NAPLAN Online testing.

Veronique Canellas



We will be celebrating Harmony Week and learning about the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Monday 22 March. Students are welcome to wear orange or traditional clothes on this day.

For more information go to: harmony.gov.au
bullyingnoway.gov.au

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
Canberra Museum and Gallery	Preschool	Thursday 30 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

Borrow books from a library instead of purchasing them directly. Or visit our school library.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

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Avoiding all nuts.

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