



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Last fortnight I shared some information about our progress in our Strategic Plan against our writing and spelling goals, this time I want to share how we have progressed in our second goal of improving wellbeing and learning through the development of consistent practices and processes. Since 2018 the school has been on a big journey with a focus on wellbeing, this has included;

- A community review and consultation of the school values and the development and implementation of new values – persistence, integrity and excellence.
- The implementation of Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) which has included the identification of areas in our school, what are the ways of operating in each of these areas, the development of positive framing of these expected behaviours, explicit teaching of these behaviours and recognition of these behaviours across the school.
- The implementation of a whole school Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) approach that is based on neuroscience and supports students building on positive strategies to problem and conflict solve and have healthy relationships.
- A whole school developed with Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT approach to the teaching of healthy relationships including sexuality from preschool to year 6.
- Development of an intervention approach in reading development for students who need additional support.
- Social, Emotional and Wellbeing survey conducted and targeted programs developed to meet specific needs in these areas.
- Coaching and mentoring processes to support teaching staff to build skills and capacity in specific areas of practice.
- Teams work together weekly to analyse learning information, identify next steps in learning and plan sequences that meet the needs of our learners.
- Forward planning of school-based events to support best access for all community members.

The weather has certainly decided that it really is winter, so I remind you that students need layers of clothing each day. The classrooms are now lovely and warm thanks to our new heating/cooling system – however students access the outdoors each day so need jumpers and jackets to stay warm during these periods. Please take a moment to put your child's name on all of their clothing so lost items can be easily returned.

Don't forget that the family movie night is coming up, a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a movie together in our hall. Make sure you keep Friday 18 June free.

Have a great week,

Danielle

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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 acting President:

The P&C are putting together a board game library for use by students on rainy days. If you have a good quality board game, complete with all the pieces that is unused at home, please donate it to the school office or bring it to the movie night.

A single use cutlery ban is coming to Canberra in July. The P&C encourages families to bring your own labelled cutlery for your canteen orders.



Fundraising and Events: We are hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday 18 June @ 6:15pm in the Hall. The movie will be Spies in Disguise - When the world's best spy is turned into a pigeon, he must rely on his nerdy tech officer to save the world! **Students must be accompanied by an adult and all family members are welcome attend.** Popcorn and water will be available for purchase or BYO other snacks and drinks. Don't forget a comfy pillow and blanket, or beanbag to sit in.

Entry will be by donation please.

**** If you are able to help with set up from 5:15pm, pack up, selling snacks, facilitating entry/sign in procedures, please send an email to Liz: uniforms.mps@gmail.com ****

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. Don't forget to bring your own cutlery.

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

**** Week 9 & 10 Sale! All second hand items are buy 1 get 1 free. Come on in and grab a bargain. ****



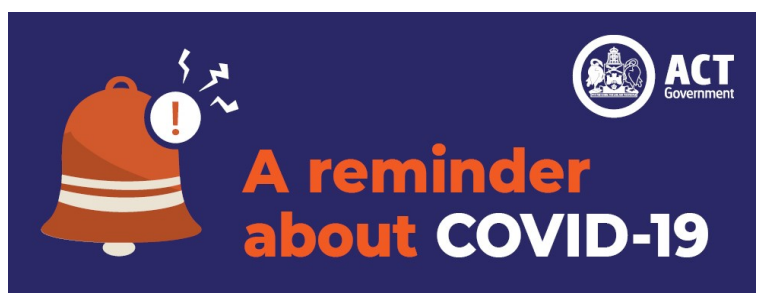
Gardens and Grounds: We have another Working Bee scheduled in for next term. Please save the date on **Saturday 28th August**. Further details to come.

COVID-19 REMINDER

A reminder that the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us and while many restrictions have been eased since last year, some restrictions are still in place in our school.

It is important that students stay home and get tested if they are unwell.

Visitors to our school, including parents and carers, should sign in using established processes, meet density requirements of one person per two square metres, and maintain physical distancing of 1.5m from other adults. Students and visitors also need to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene. You can find more information on COVID-19 and ACT public schools on the Education Directorate website.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT INQUIRY TOPICS

Les Légumes have started a new guided inquiry where they will be covering some Personal Development topics aligned to the Australian Curriculum. If you do not wish for your child to participate in an upcoming lesson, please let their classroom teacher know.

Next week, in week 9, students in Les Légumes will be discussing the emotional changes that they will experience as they grow and how they can manage the emotional changes.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you require further information on what will be taught.

Veronique Canellas

SRC TERM 2 EVENT—WACKY TACKY DRESS DAY

The SRC will be hosting a Wacky Tacky Dress Day on Friday 25 June 2021 (last day of term) to raise funds to purchase new socketed netball posts and hoops for the Namadgi Blacktop.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for wearing wacky tacky clothes E.g. clothes can be mix-matched and/or multi-coloured, clothes can be worn back-to-front. Students can also wear crazy odd socks or have crazy/tacky hair. All clothing and footwear need to be suitable for normal school activities.

Let's see how creative our school community can be!

Thank you

Macquarie Primary School SRC



MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Citrons Verts	Mazikeen M & Satya M
Les Oranges	Claire H & Beau H
Les Ananas	Isla B & Laura S
Les Fruits de Dragon	Elijah K & San L
Les Kiwis	Elizabeth P & Felix W
Les Litchis	Zachary R & Naisyah A

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
UNSW ICAS	Year 3—6	Thursday 17 June

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

Parent-Teacher Interviews – 21 - 24 June 2021

Please see the note sent home for more information.

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

Let in more sunlight. One of the simplest ways to use solar energy and cut down on electricity usage is simply to pull back the curtains!

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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