



# The Macquarie Memo

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## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

It has been fabulous to have all our cohorts back at school this week. School is still operating a little differently, and it is taking us all a bit of time to adjust to the changes. It is important that students bring to school every day;

- a full water bottle – the bubblers are locked,
- a sun smart hat - we are outside every day.

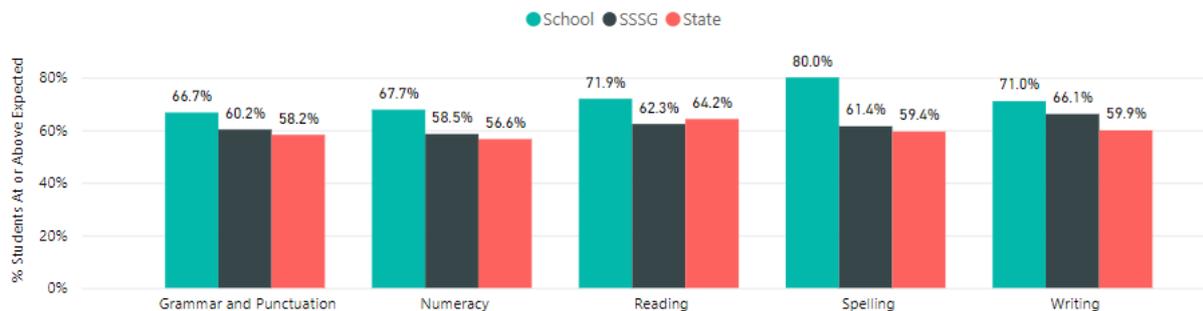
Also, we are not sharing food, so please refrain from sending in cakes and treats for birthday celebrations. I'd also like to remind you that as a health promoting school we encourage healthy food, please leave lollies and sugary treats for home.

The class placement hands went home last week with our 1/2 and kindergarten students and on Monday with our 3/4 and 5 students. Please make sure you send them back to school by tomorrow so we can start our class placement process. If you have something specific about your child that you need to share to support next year's class placement, please contact one of the executive staff as soon as possible.

If you haven't completed this year's school satisfaction survey, please take 10 minutes to do so. This survey provides us with valuable information about the things we are doing well in and what we should be focusing on next.

Recently I shared this year's NAPLAN results with the staff and the school board. Each year students in years 3, 5, 7, and 9 proficiencies in Numeracy, Spelling, Reading, Writing and Grammar are assessed. Results are compiled nationally and then released to schools. Here is an overview of this year's results. Our growth data is very impressive. They are the results of year 5 students who participated in NAPLAN in year 3 at Macquarie Primary School. In all the areas tested our students' growth was greater than both the rest of the ACT and statistically similar schools, as you can see in the below graph.

At or Above Expected Growth - School Compared to SSSG and State



None of our year 5 students scored below the National Minimum Standard (the result which indicates minimum performance standards in literacy and numeracy for a given year level, below which students will have difficulty progressing satisfactorily at school) for Numeracy, Reading and Grammar and Punctuation, and only 2.8% of the participants scored below the National Minimum Standard for spelling and writing. Well over 60% of the year 5 group achieved results at or above Band 6, which is the National Minimum Standard for Year 9 students, in all assessed areas.

Our year 3 results indicate a very small percentage of participants who did not have results at or above the National Minimum Standard in all the areas assessed. Our writing results have over 75% of students performing beyond the National Minimum standard for year 5 students and our results for Spelling and Numeracy had 60%, Reading 65% and Grammar and Punctuation 70% of students achieving results at and beyond the year 5 National Minimum Standard. These results give an indication that the learning experiences students engage with are providing the learning rigour to them to grow into capable and critically literate citizens.

Have a great week,

Stay safe,

Danielle

## Dates for the Diary

### Friday 5 November

Outdoor Classroom Day

### Monday 8 November

ICAS Year 3/4 Writing 9.30-11.00am

### Wednesday 10 November

ICAS Year 5/6 Writing 9.30-11.00am

### Thursday 11 November

ICAS Year 5/6 Science 9.30-11.30am

### Friday 12 November

ICAS Year 3/4 Science 9.00-10.30am

### Thursday 18 November

ICAS Year 5/6 Spelling 9.30-11.00am

6.30pm P&C Meeting

### Friday 19 November

ICAS Year 3/4 Spelling 9.00-10.30am

### Thursday 25 November

ICAS Year 5/6 Maths 9.00-11.00

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



# UNSW ICAS INFORMATION—NEW DATES

This year we will run the ICAS testing in two groups, 5/6 students together and 3/4 students together. The new dates for testing are below. There won't be time for catch ups if your child is away on testing days.

Unfortunately the **ICAS Writing** window closed before we returned to school – we won't be able to do this test. Parents will need to request a refund for **Writing**.

Please send an email to [icaseassessments@janison.com](mailto:icaseassessments@janison.com) with the below details and your receipt.

- Full Name
- Students name
- Year level
- Order number
- Amount

Should you require any further information about refunds, contact ICAS on 1800 931 775 or alternatively via email [icasassessments@janison.com.au](mailto:icasassessments@janison.com.au).

Digital Technologies	DONE before remote learning
Writing	Parents will need to contact ICAS for a refund. See process outlined below
English	Monday 8 November Year 3/4 9.30-11.00 Wednesday 10 November Year 5/6 9.30-11.00
Science	Thursday 11 November Year 5/6 9.30-11.30 Friday 12 November Year 3/4 9-10.30
Spelling	Thursday 18 November Year 5/6 9.30-11.00 Friday 19 November Year 3/4 9.00-10.30
Maths	Thursday 25 November Year 5/6 9.30-11.00 Friday 26 November Year 3/4 9.00-10.30

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Club

**Issue 7** brochures have been distributed to all classes and it is also available to view online at <https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/6530/bc721final.pdf>.

Please email [pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au) with any Book Club questions.



Online payment only! Please use LOOP, the parent payment page, as we will not be accepting any cash.  
[www.scholastic.com.au/loop](http://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)  
**Orders due by Monday November 8**



### Overdue Library Books

Thank you for helping your children find and return the library books they borrowed in August. There are still around 500 books to come back, so your children still may need help finding them and remembering to return them on their library day. Reminder notes will be printed this week and next, and as always it would be fantastic to have overdue books returned early to help in one small way we can reduce our paper usage.

## ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Congratulations to the following student's who participated in ICAS Digital Technologies.

Participation	Anika in year 3 Kiara in year 6 Elyssa in year 6 Nam in year 6 Alana in year 6 Gabriella in year 5 Tilan in year 5 Edward in year 5
<b>Merit</b> Next 10% of participants	Henry in year 6 Annika in year 5
<b>Credit</b> Next 25% of participants	Lucas in year 4 Nathan in year 3
<b>Distinction</b> Next 10% of participants	Jasper in year 6 Luca in year 6
<b>High Distinction</b> Top 1% of participants	George in year 5



### After School Piano, Guitar & Violin Lessons from 8 November

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour music lessons after school at Macquarie Primary School in piano, guitar and violin on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.15pm onwards.

After COVID disruptions we will be teaching again from 8 November and can offer 6 weekly lessons between now and the end of school for \$210.

This is a great opportunity to trial guitar, piano or violin for 2022.

More information is available on our website: [www.celticartsagency.com](http://www.celticartsagency.com)



Contact Sharon Casey on  
E: [musicfun@jocresswell.com](mailto:musicfun@jocresswell.com) or  
T: 0481 405 236

More information is available on our website:  
[www.celticartsagency.com](http://www.celticartsagency.com)

## NEWS FROM THE P&C

**From the Acting President:** Welcome back to school to the remainder of our students. It's great to have everyone back.



We are hopeful to still be able to run our annual **Cherry Drive** later this term. Watch this space for further details over the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, **Breakfast Club** cannot run under the current level of restrictions and will not be returning at this stage. We will keep you updated if this changes.

We have received a letter from the Canberra High School P&C President inviting parents of Year 6 students to become involved in the P&C at the high school. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com)

**Canteen** - resumes November 5 with contactless procedures in place. Please use the Flexischools app to place your order.

**Uniform shop** - The P&C Uniform Shop is open. Opening times are: **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15, **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 3:30 and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15. To maintain a COVID safe environment when visiting the shop, please ensure you check in with check in CBR app and practice physical distancing. Card payments are preferred but cash is welcome.

Purchases can be made in the shop during opening times, and online via [flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au) Orders placed via [flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au) will be sent home with students. Second-hand items are available for \$2 and \$5.

**Book club:** The MPS Readathon prize winners will be announced at Monday morning lines in Week 6. All winners will be included in the Week 6 newsletter, so please stay tuned.

## HELP WANTED—CRCS GIVING TREE

Each year Capital Region Community Service (formerly Belconnen Community Service) provides Christmas Hampers to over 100 vulnerable individuals and families. These hampers contain some basic food items (which CRCS provides). We rely on donations from local schools and businesses to provide special Christmas cheer items such as gifts, treats, decorations etc. Our school is supporting this appeal and we encourage our staff, students and families to donate for a gift to help some of the less fortunate in our Belconnen Community.

This year, rather than collecting gifts CRCS has moved towards contactless online donations to adapt to the impacts COVID has made on us all. Donations can be made at: <https://2021-giving-tree.raisely.com/>

CRCS will utilise donations collected to purchase items such as but not limited to gifts of \$10-\$15 in value, i.e. toys, games, vouchers, toiletries, books, puzzles and stocking fillers.

## PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY REVIEW

We are currently undertaking a review of our preschool philosophy to ensure it captures everything we believe in and do at our preschool. Community input is vital throughout this process to maintain the high community focus we value so much at our school.

The current philosophy is:

**Macquarie Preschool offers the children of our community an environment to learn, play, grow and develop the skills to contribute to society.**

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the following survey to guide the development of our updated philosophy.

<https://forms.gle/jvBXnPcsBr36bG78>

The survey closes on Friday 26 November 2021.

# 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
2022 Class Placement Hand	Kindergarten—Year 5	Friday 5 November

## 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

### Updating Contact Information

Please update the school office if you have any changes to phone numbers, home address or email address.

## 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

### 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

### 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

## SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Drink tap water instead of bottled water.

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

**Office hours:** Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an

**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

<b>Phone K-6 site:</b>	02 6142 1550	<b>Principal</b>	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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<b>Email:</b>	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	<b>Executive (P-Yr2)</b>	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
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