



The Macquarie Memo

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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 3 September

P&C meeting 6:30 pm

Friday 4 September

ICAS Spelling test

Thursday 10 September

Board meeting 4:30pm

Friday 11 September

P&C Recycling Drive

Book club orders due

Monday 21 September

Snuggle pots arboretum excursion

Tuesday 22 September

Sexual Health Parent information evening

Thursday 24 September

Cuddle pies arboretum excursion

Friday 25 September

Athletics carnival

Last day of Term 3

Wednesday 28 October

P&C meeting 6:30pm

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From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

I hope you had a chance to look at the footage of the official adventure playground opening held last Friday. The weather was glorious and even though we couldn't have everyone there it was a nice representation of our school. It was a busy day as we also hosted a visit from Katy Haire the Director General of Education and the floral emblem students walked to the top of Mt Painter, while celebrating Wear it Purple Day.

I have been away from school this week as I have been participating in a school review process at Gowrie Primary. I have enjoyed the opportunity to have an in depth look at how another Canberra primary school operates and reaches its strategic goals. This learning helps to support our approach to achieving our strategic goals, to enable Macquarie to be the best it can be.

Last week we held our second virtual assembly hosted by Kindergarten. They shared their learning and the students across the school tuned in to see what's been happening in the Acacias. While not as direct as face to face assemblies, this virtual assembly, enables learners to share their skills, knowledge and understandings with their peers.

Teachers participated in learning walks focused on noticing evidence of two of the Essential Literacy Practices in each others' classrooms. The focus was on the evidence of how teachers 1. foster literacy motivation and engagement and 2. have abundant reading material and reading opportunities in the classroom. Teachers identified elements in the classrooms and made suggestions about how to go even further for their colleagues. This is one of the ways we continue to grow and develop as practitioners.

Just a reminder that the P&C meeting is on tonight at 6:30pm. All welcome to the online meeting, see further in the newsletter about how to get a link.

Have a great week,

Danielle

SAVE THE DATE - Parent Information Session

A group of teachers is currently working with *Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT Inc.* (SHFPACT) to create a series of age-appropriate lessons that will be delivered to students from preschool to year 6 in term 4. The lessons will align to the Early Years Learning Framework and the Australian Curriculum Health and Physical Education learning area.

We will be holding an online parent information evening on **Tuesday 22 September at 5.30pm** to outline the program. The information session will be delivered by staff from *Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT Inc.* (SHFPACT) and supported by Macquarie Primary School staff.

Further information will be provided to families next week.

LIBRARY NEWS

Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club has been distributed and orders are due in by **Friday September 11**. Online orders can be placed at www.scholastic.com.au/loop

Cash orders (exact change please) can be left at the front office in a labelled envelope.

All orders earn reward points for our school that we use to purchase more library and literacy resources.

KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECKS

Canberra Health Services is offering a **targeted kindergarten health check concentrating on vision and hearing**. These health checks are performed in clinics at the City Health Centre Mondays and Fridays and there will be appointments most days in the school holidays. **An appointment can be made by phoning the Central Intake Line on 51249977.**

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

2020 has been a rough year and COVID-19 is still causing havoc across the country. Did you know that the ACT Education Directorate has created a page on its website dedicated to information and links to resources and support for COVID-19 students and families? Click on the link [here](#) to learn more.



ACT CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

A reminder that your P&C is running container collection drives during terms 3 and 4. The class with the biggest haul will win a pizza party! See the flyer included with your newsletter for the upcoming drive details.

For every eligible container you recycle, Macquarie Primary School can get 10 cents. This helps the school and helps the environment!

Eligible containers include most plastic, cardboard and metal containers between 150ml and 3L.

If you have eligible containers and can drop them off to a collection point, you can use the Macquarie Primary School P&C Code so the containers get credited to the P&C account. Our code is:

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The closest collection points to the School are at the Hawker Shops, the ACT Basketball Courts in Belconnen and Anglicare Retail store at the Jamison Centre.

Details of how to drop off containers, the kinds of containers that are eligible and lots of other information is available at <https://www.returnit.com.au/faq/>

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

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

Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gladly accepted. Donations may be left at the Uniform Shop during open times, or at the Front Office.

Purchases can be made in the shop during opening times, online via flexischools.com.au, or place cash and order form (available in the front office) in the P&C mailbox at the office. Orders placed via flexischools.com.au or with cash and an order form will be sent home with students.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is to be held this **Thursday, 3 September 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. Please RSVP to macquariepandc@gmail.com

LUNCH ORDERS

Don't forget that the canteen is open for Friday orders, so be sure to get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**.

Orders are accepted via Flexischools only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about Flexischools and the canteen, including the menu, is available from the front Office.

ESAFETY LIVE FAMILY WEBINAR

The Education Directorate, through its partnership with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the Australian Federal Police, will be hosting a live webinar for families on Wednesday 16 September 2020 from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. This webinar is suitable for adults and will provide an overview of the role and function of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the AFP. It will cover prevention tips and resources, difficult conversations, how to help your child be a responsible digital citizen and how to report inappropriate and harmful content.

Participants will be able to ask questions throughout the webinar through a secure link. [Register](#) for the best experience and full functionality. We encourage you to use a personal PC/laptop or mobile device.

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Arboretum	Preschool	7 September (Snuggle pots) 10 September (Cuddle pies)
2020 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2020 Voluntary contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2020 Band	Year 5 & 6 band members	Payments due now

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

Are you making common recycling mistakes? Soft plastics can't go in the recycling bin as they tangle machinery- they need be taken to REDcycle collection points at major supermarkets so they can be turned into new products like furniture and decking. This includes things like chip packets, squeeze pouches and bread bags.

For more common recycling mistakes go to <https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2019/april/are-you-making-common-recycling-mistakes>

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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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Tuesday 15 September 2020

7-8 pm

webinar

Transition to school

Tips and resources for parents supporting children who are starting school or preschool

Parents and carers are invited to hear about the research supporting transitions, and ways to help prepare children and families for starting school or preschool.

A resource kit will be available

To register (or request resources):

Facebook - ACT Council of P&C Associations

or phone: 02 6241 5759

Presented by the P&C Council and the ACT Education Directorate.



ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations



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