

From our Principal

Learning Journey invitations have been sent home. Please check your child's bag if you haven't got yours yet. The purpose of the Learning Journey is for your child to share their learning with you. Students are already preparing, thinking about the work samples they want to show you, the process and learning assets they used to complete tasks, the growth they made throughout the unit of work and what their next learning steps may be. Parents are key to making this a success. The parent role in the Learning Journey is as follows:

- Be positive and accepting of your child's efforts
- Recognise the important role you play in your child's schooling
- Give feedback about things you notice
- Prompt if your child requires help and encourage them to give detail
- Avoid involving the teacher in conversation, this is a chance for you and your child to have a deep conversation about their learning.

Some prompt questions you may use are:

1. What did you do to complete this task?
2. Why did you choose to talk about this piece?
3. What knowledge/skills/understanding does this demonstrate?
4. What was most challenging about this?
5. If you could work on this further, what would you do?
6. How is your learning different now to at the beginning of the year?
7. What are your future goals for your learning?
8. Which learning assets did you use to complete this piece (thinker, self-manager, communicator, researcher, collaborator)?
9. How do you show the school values at school (excellence, integrity, persistence)?
10. Do you think you always meet the school expectations for behaviour (safe, respectful learner)? If not what help do you need from home or school to do this?
11. Is there anything we could do at home to help you with your learning?

Learning Journeys will run from 3-6pm Wednesday 14 September for kindergarten to year 6. Preschool learning journey are the following week; Tuesday 20 for Green Yabbies and Thursday 22 for Red Crayfish from 3-4.30pm. Preschool families are welcome to bring an afternoon tea picnic. We will be asking families to be COVID safe while on school site. A risk assessment will be available from the front office prior to the event if you would like a copy. The risk assessment will include:

- Signing in - we will place sign on sheets in classrooms
- For classrooms that permit, we will have an entry and separate exit – please follow signage
- Sanitiser will be available at sign in
- Wear a mask if you are not exempt
- Physical distance from other families – we may limit numbers of people in classrooms if there are too many for the space. Families will need to wait for the room to clear so allow yourself plenty of time
- Please do not come if you are unwell – we can arrange another time.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 15—Friday 19 August

Science Week

Thursday 18 August

ICAS English testing 9am

Belconnen Zone Athletics Carnival

Monday 22—Friday 26 August

Book week

Monday 22 August

ICAS Science testing 12pm

Wednesday 24 August

ICAS Spelling testing 12pm

Thursday 25 August

Year 6 combined band

Friday 26 August

Book week dress-up day

P&C readathon ends

Sunday 28 August

P&C working bee

Thursday 1 September

ICAS Mathematics testing 9am

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We have been back to hats on for a couple of weeks now. I've been loaning many children hats while we move back to routines of remembering to pack a hat and keeping it safe all day. You can help your child self-manage by including a hat check in your morning routine. Next week teachers will email parents if children don't have a hat. That way you know if your child is forgetting theirs and you can give them some support by providing one. The week after, I will run some random hat checks too. Parents can expect an email from me on those days.

Tomorrow the 2022 School Satisfaction Survey opens. All parents and carers on our preferred contact list will receive an email with details about the survey and links to complete it. We really encourage you to complete this survey, which takes about 10 minutes, as it gives us valuable information about how we can make our school better for your child. All responses are anonymous so honesty is welcomed. The survey is open until September 9.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACT EDUCATION DIRECTORATE: KEEPING OUR STUDENTS LEARNING IN TERM 3

Every ACT public school is working hard to manage the impacts of COVID-19 and the flu in our schools to ensure minimal disruption for everyone and keep students learning.

Face-to-face learning in the classroom remains the core way students are learning this term; however, staff shortages may see them learning a little differently from time to time.

What can parents and students expect?

When schools do not have appropriate staffing levels to support students in their usual classrooms the following measures may be put in place:

- Older students may learn online in a supervised setting.
- Students may be engaged in a modified program of learning in their regular classroom with supervision from school staff.
- Students may participate in self-directed learning (supervised by other classroom teachers this may be via Google Classrooms or a pre-prepared activity).
- Students may be split into classes across the school, where children may engage in self-directed learning and/or the learning of their host class.
- Some activities may be put on hold (eg lunchtime clubs).

Where schools are no longer able to manage using the above strategies students may move to learning from home for short periods of time.

If this is the case your school will work with the Directorate ahead of time to make this decision and families will be provided with learning activities for use during this time.

Sometimes this decision will need to be made quickly. We appreciate that the short notice is difficult for families and, where we can, will ensure we give as much notice as we are able.

Non-essential events and excursions

There may also be the need to postpone/cancel planned activities and events offsite (eg camps, excursions, sporting days etc) from time to time, sometimes at short notice.

We appreciate any cancellation is disappointing and wherever possible schools will reschedule these missed opportunities.

Thank you once more to our parents, carers and staff for their ongoing support and commitment again this term.

**Students need to
bring a drink bottle
to school everyday.**



HATS ON!
Please ensure your child
brings a sunsmart hat to
wear to school every day.



Applications are now open for Future of Education Equity Fund – Round 2, 2022.

The ACT Government's expanded Future of Education Equity Fund provides financial assistance to low-income families (and independent students) with students in years P-12 to meet the costs of education expenses, such as school uniforms, school excursions, sport equipment and activities and music lessons through a one-off payment.

The Future of Education Student Equity Fund Round 1 opened in late 2021 for families with students in years 7-10. Round 2 is only open to families who have NOT already applied for and/or received payment to support their students in the 2022 school year using a paper based form.

The following payments are available to those who meet the eligibility criteria:

- \$400 for preschool students
- \$500 for primary school students
- \$750 for high-school and college students

2022 applications close 30 September 2022. Only applications received by this date will be processed. There is no limit on the number of students for whom each applicant can apply, providing they meet all conditions.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

Reside in the ACT

Have sole or shared parental responsibility for a dependent student(s) in grades P-12; or be an independent student

Be financially responsible for the student(s)

Demonstrate low-income status through:

a current means-tested Health Care Card or Centrelink card, which must list the student(s) as dependents; or

alternative forms of evidence proving low-income status or equivalent financial stress.

Students must be:

- Enrolled full-time in a public or non-government school in the ACT in years P-12.
NOTE: For the purposes of the Equity Fund, a preschool is defined as a preschool that is attached to an ACT school and led by a Principal. When applying online, only eligible preschools will appear in a drop-down list.
- Enrolled in an approved form of education other than a school and of an equivalent age to a student in years K-12 E.g. attending the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), or registered for home-schooling in the ACT.
- Residing with the applicant in the ACT, or in special government care that is paid for by the applicant, or be independent.

Visit the [Education Directorate, Support for our students, financial and resource assistance for families webpage](#) more information and to apply.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Readathon: We're into our last week of reading for the readathon. Audio books are counted, and Sora - the app that lets you borrow books through the Education Directorate - have some really good ones. The last day of the readathon is Friday 26 of August. Please drop reading lists into the school P&C box by 3.30pm Friday 2 of September to be in the running for the prizes. Sponsorship money can also be paid by dropping it in the P&C box, or alternatively through Flexischools.



Father's Day Stall: We are hosting our Father's Day stall online this year. There is a trolley with all of the items at school, which will be taken around to each classroom over the next couple of weeks. All items are available for purchase from \$1 - \$8 on Flexischools and will be sent home with you child Friday 2 September. If you are able to help pack the items that morning, please send an email to fundraising.mpspandc@gmail.com

Uniform Shop: Your volunteer run P&C Uniform Shop is open: **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15, **Wednesdays** 2:55 - 3:15 and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15

Discounted items (limited sizes) are available on flexischools from \$5 and scarves and beanies are still available for \$5 each. Orders for new uniform items can be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au or flexischools app. Flexischools orders will be sent home with students. Second hand items are available in the shop for \$2 and \$5, and donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times. Any questions can be sent to uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Class Parent Representatives: Two classes need to find a new volunteer for the role of class parent representative. If you have a child in Sweet Sea Stars or Electric Eels and can spare a few moments of time here and there, please contact Alethea at classparentrepsmps@gmail.com.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club will be returning in a few weeks' time. If you are able to help out with Breakfast Club on a Friday morning between 8.30 – 9.15am, please send an email to: coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

Mem Fox's Read-Aloud Commandments

5. Read the stories that your child loves, over and over, and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations and volume and speed, on each page, each time.

Book Week

Next week we are celebrating Book Week! Our students will be reading and listening to lots of stories during the week, including a special story-time held in the library at 8.40 each morning. Of course we are looking forward to our Book Character dress up day on Friday August 26, and can't wait to see what book characters come to school that day! Beginning of week preschool (Green Yabbies) will have dress up day on Monday of Week 7.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Class rolls are marked electronically every morning by 9:10am. We ask that parents contact the school when a student is going to be late or absent via a phone call **6142 1550** or email to admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au



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
Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Arboretum excursion	Preschool	Friday 26 August
Year 5 Combined Band	Year 5 band	Wednesday 31 August

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.

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

Use natural light.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

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