



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Principal

Only a few more days until our Arts Festival. We look forward to seeing everyone from 4:30pm on 29 November.

- Please bring a picnic rug, order salads through flexischools, buy a sausage, cake, coffee, tea or ice cream from the café and enjoy the entertainment
- Each student will have a framed artwork in our gallery (the Hall) that can be purchased for \$15 on the day – bring cash or use the QR codes to transfer to the school
- The photobooth is bound to be popular at just \$2 a go. I've already heard many students excited about having photos with their friends and family (so bring your cash for this one)
- The class art work auction will run from 4:30-6:45pm. These incredible artworks will be on display in the gallery (the Hall) on the stage area. An auction sheet will be under each artwork, write your name, contact number and your bid for the piece. Each time someone adds to the list it should go up in price. At 6:45pm we will ring a bell to indicate the auction is complete. No one can bid after this time. We will contact the successful bidders by phone
- Come and enjoy the exhibition of talent we have at Macquarie Primary School and beyond.

It would be great to have as many students there as possible for class and cohort performances. Look on Dojo and Facebook for performance times. The students are keen to share their hard work with you, having an authentic audience makes the learning worthwhile and meaningful.

We continue to work on our priorities through this year's Action Plan. Stacey talked about priority one last week – *Improve student gain in writing and spelling*. This week I'd like to tell you about our progress on priority two – *Improve wellbeing and learning for all through the development of consistent practices and processes*. Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) has been a big part of our improvement journey in this area. Teachers have worked on co-constructing class expectations using the PBL language. These are displayed in every classroom and referred to regularly. We have whole school expectations clearly documented and soon, we will be creating our permanent signage to go around the school (temporary signage has been used so far). Our Acknowledgement System is now in place and it is directly linked to our award system. We have dedicated time in staff meetings to look at behavioural and attendance data to make informed decisions about our PBL focus over time.

Every student at Macquarie Primary School has two important wellbeing documents that are updated and referred to. The first is a hand that shows who each child has in their life to help them sort through problems. It includes people from school and home. The second is a wellbeing placemat that provides students with a range of options to help them regulate when things get tough. These documents, along with our Social Emotional Learning program (MindUp) provide a great foundation to support healthy emotional regulation. For those students who require some extra support we have a range of wellbeing programs available and we use a range of data to assess student need in this area. Students complete the Social Emotional Wellbeing Survey annually, teachers complete a wellbeing spreadsheet annually and parents have access to a referral form.

The other big area of work in this priority has been to map our curriculum delivery using a conceptual framework. We now have this work documented along with a clear curriculum plan and data plan. We are currently developing our Professional Learning Plan and Professional Learning Community Plan. Our focus on this work ensures we have both horizontal and vertical alignment of curriculum across the school. It helps our teachers with planning, providing clarity around our focus, yet giving teachers and students opportunity to personalise and adjust to suit individual needs.

The result of this work is clearly seen in our behaviour data. We have more engaged students, students who are regulated and ready for learning. As a result we are seeing gains in our learning data.

Next Monday is the teacher planning day. Teachers will be in their 2023 teams, planning for next year. I'd like to welcome three new teachers to our staff, Stephanie Bourke from Duffy Primary School, Laura Matchett from Neville Bonner Primary School and Tania Hardcastle from Red Hill Primary School. Reannon Sorbie will also be returning from maternity leave. They are all experienced teachers and will be attending our planning day next week. Remember this day is pupil free. If you need to send children to school please contact the front office to book them in.

Thank you to our volunteers who attended the morning tea yesterday. Having volunteers work with us makes a huge difference to the school – from fundraising and P&C work (lunch orders, uniform shop) to grant writing and management and a range of programs and in class support we truly value your time and effort.

Jodie

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 24 November

Year 5/6 NRL Lessons

Friday 25 November

Year 1/2 Brumbies clinic

Monday 28 November

Pupil free day

**Tuesday 29 November –
Friday 2 December**

Year 5/6 NRL Lessons

Tuesday 29 November

Arts showcase 4.30-7pm

Friday 2 December

Mufti Day

**Monday 5 – Friday 9
December**

Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 12 December

Move up day

Tuesday 13 December

Year 6 farewell assembly

Wednesday 14 December

Year 6 dinner and disco

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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

Arts Festival: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! to help the P&C with the Arts Festival Tuesday 29 November between 4:30pm and 7:00pm for the sausage sizzle, assisting with picnic orders and more. Please contact Celia Rideaux at crideaux@nla.gov.au or on 0478 578 282 if you can lend a hand for a bit or for the entire time.



Fundraising and Events: Cherry Drive! The P&C are holding a cherry drive this term, with funds raised going toward P&C projects. Prices for Cherries are \$20 for 1kg, \$40 for 2kg and \$70 for 5kg. Cherry orders are now available for purchase on Flexischools. Orders close today - Thursday 24 November at 5pm and delivery will be here Wednesday 7 December (a week later due to bad weather). If you are able to help receive and disperse the cherry orders on the 7 December, please send an email to: fundraising.mpspandc@gmail.com

Uniform Shop: Volunteers x 2 Needed! The uniform shop needs 1 x volunteer for once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon, and 1 x volunteer once a fortnight on a Monday morning. It's fun and a great way to get involved and contribute to your P&C. Please get in touch with Liz uniforms.mps@gmail.com if you can help.

Preschool families: Get organised for 2023 - come and see us in the uniform shop to try on uniforms for next year, or orders can be placed on the flexischools app and will be delivered to preschool for students to take home. We are happy to exchange sizes - just keep tags on. We will also be open during the Kindy Q&A session on 6 December.

The shop will be closed on the pupil free day on Monday 28 November. Usual opening times are: **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15am, **Wednesdays** 2:55 - 3:15pm, and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15am

A note from the Canberra High P&C: The Canberra High P&C is a group of enthusiastic parents and carers who contribute to the school and students through the uniform store, canteen, events, fundraising and more. We work with the school to provide a forum for sharing information and ideas, run the second-hand uniform store, manage the canteen, and help raise funds for activities, services and equipment. The P&C welcomes all Canberra High families and community members, and are always keen to hear new ideas that support our school and students. Our next meeting (and final for this year) will be held in Week Eight on Tuesday 29 November between 6.00-7.00pm, and will be followed by a relaxed social gathering to celebrate the year. Please ask any parents who are interested in attending to RSVP to this email address. A meeting invite and agenda will be shared closer to the time. For further information on our P&C or to register for our mailing list, please check out our website: https://www.canberrahs.act.edu.au/community/p_and_c

We look forward to you joining us!

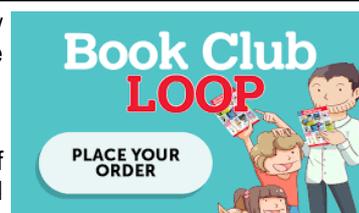
Thanks, Scott Kennewell

Canberra High School P&C President 2022

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 8 has some fabulous ideas for Christmas gifts. Remember to place orders by Sunday evening (November 27), and tick the “Gift” option if you would rather collect the order yourself. The online version of the catalogue is [here](#).

Returning Library Books – next week (Week 8) is our big week for all resources to be returned. At time of writing there are almost 2300 books on loan, and my fingers are crossed they will ALL be found and returned ready for a stocktake the following week! Good luck with your book hunting.



HELP WITH THE COST OF SCHOOLING AND EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS

All ACT public schools can help families meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials – such as personal hygiene products including sanitary hygiene items, school uniform items, book packs and stationery, school excursions, camps, transport and enrichment activities.

Part of public education's important objective is making access to education more equitable for all students, regardless of personal circumstances. If you are experiencing a situation that affects your ability to meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials for your child, we encourage you to talk to us. Families who are looking for help with the costs of schooling can:

- talk to the school principal or other staff member about their situation
- have a relative, caseworker, friend or advocate make contact on your behalf
- contact the Education Directorate ETDStudentWellbeing@act.gov.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
Year 6 fun day	Year 6	Friday 2 December

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.

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

Make your own cloth napkins.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

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