



The Macquarie Memo

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Dates for the Diary

Monday 12—Friday 16 July

NAIDOC week

Wednesday 21 July

Assembly 2.25pm

Host: Les Groseilles

Thursday 22 July

100 days of kindergarten

Wednesday 28 July

Year 6 combined band 9.45 -11.15am

Assembly 2.25pm

Host: Les Fruits de Dragon

P&C meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 29 July

Board meeting 4.30pm

Friday 30 July

Athletics carnival

Monday 2 August

Hats on

Wednesday 4 August

Assembly 2.25pm

Host: Les Citrouilles

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

It's great to see everyone back this week. I hope you managed to have a break and recharge the batteries. Although it is still very cold in Canberra, at least the days are getting longer and I have seen plants starting to bud – so hopefully spring is on its way.

The staff have just completed some readings about reading development and some of the things that emerged were, regular opportunities to read books you can understand and talk about what you are reading make a big difference in developing comprehension (the ability to understand what you have read). It makes the biggest difference for people who find reading hard. One of the reasons is that when reading is hard you read much slower, so you don't read as much in a given time frame. It is extra important to find time when reading is hard to have longer, or more opportunities to read. At school we try and maximise reading time, we would be interested to hear how you do that at home.

Just reminding everyone we have adjusted the daily timetable this Semester. Our day now runs as follows:

9:00	school day begins
10:00	fruit break time – please send some fresh fruits or vegetables (this isn't a yogurt or fruit straps time)
11:10-11:20	supervised eating time
11:20-12:00	first play break
12:00-1:00	middle session
1:00-1:10	supervised eating time
1:10-1:50	second play break
1:50-3:00	afternoon session

If you need to collect your child during a play break time – please let us know in advance and we will have them waiting for you. It is impossible for Jess to find people on the busy playground.

Thanks to everyone who has been checking in using the app any time you enter the school grounds. We have placed QR codes on all the gates, and all the building entrances. Please take a moment to check-in any time you enter the school grounds, no matter how short a time you are here for.

I took quite a lot of unlabelled uniforms home during the holiday to wash and restock our emergency clothing pool...if items are not labelled, we can't return missing items to their owners. Please take a minute to clearly label your child's belongings- it certainly saves time in the long run.

It was lovely to see so many people at our NAIDOC assembly this week. We will continue to hold most of the assemblies as junior or senior to enable more of our community to attend due to the ongoing room limitations.

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>

NEWS FROM THE P&C

From the Acting President: The P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle at the upcoming Athletics Carnival on Friday 30 July. Sausages will be on sale through Flexischools for \$2.50 each. If you are able to help cook or serve lunch on the day, please complete a volunteers form attached and return it to the office by Wednesday 28 July. Thanks for your help.



Canteen: We are seeking a new canteen coordinator to help with our regular Friday canteen orders. If you are able to help coordinate the volunteers roster and manage our Flexischools page – we would love to have you. Please send an email to: canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com. A huge thank you to Tina for running this program for us so far this year.

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.

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

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

MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Peches	Callum W
Les Brocolis	Isabell D & Hamzah A
Les Aubergines	Arlo K & Olive S
Les Citrouilles	Natalie S & Chandu V
Les Concombres	Amelia K, Ben E & Ellison M
Les Groseilles	Hannah M & Maryam A
Les Fraises	Tilan K, Mica W & Ling B
Les Sureaux	Riley C & Laya M



ICAS

ICAS is coming up in term three. The revised sitting dates are listed below.

Digital Technology	Thursday 12 August at 9.30am
Writing	Friday 13 August 9.30am
English	Thursday 19 August 9.30am
Science	Thursday 26 August 9.30am
Spelling	Friday 27 August 9.30am
Mathematics	Thursday 2 September 9.30am

Unfortunately, there may not be opportunity for students to sit ICAS tests if they are absent on the sitting day due to the tight turnaround of testing submission. If you know your child will be absent on one of these dates please let the front office know early so arrangement can be made. The

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS

Les Petit Légumes—Preschool's inquiry will start by looking at the questions of 'What is a body?' and 'What makes a body a body?'. We will investigate our bodies and what makes them wonderful and unique.

Les Agrumes—Our inquiry will start by looking at the questions of 'What is a body?' and 'What makes a body a body?'. We will investigate our bodies and what makes them wonderful and unique. Les Argumes will also be focusing on our learning assets, specifically being thinkers and communicators, by looking at how talking about what we are thinking and sharing this with others can help us with our learning.

Les Fruits Tropicaux—Next week, students will be learning about their body parts. This will include using proper names for their body parts, labelling parts and exploring how to keep their bodies healthy.

Les Légumes—Next week, students will be discussing different types of relationships and how to build and keep strong positive relationships.

Les Baies—Next week students will be returning to their own classes to resume learning. In class groups we will continue learning about male and female reproductive systems and the changes that occur during puberty.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to term 3. I have been hearing all about some of the fabulous books that were read over the break. I got the chance to read some of the Shortlisted books (books in the running to win the Book of the Year Awards), and also read lots about crocodiles, owls and motocross (my son's latest interests...).

Feel free to join our library with a family membership so you are able to borrow more books for your entire family. Forms are at the front office and in the library.

Please help your children to return any books they have finished with. In a couple of weeks I will send home reminder notes for books that have been borrowed for more than two weeks.

Term 3 is a busy one for the library with two of our favourite events scheduled – Book Week in Week 7 and our Book Fair in Week 10. Watch out for more information as those events get closer.

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

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

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

Turn off lights when you leave a room, or make use of the sunshine during the daytime.

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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