



# The Macquarie Memo

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## From our Principal

Dear families and friends,

Gosh hasn't the weather been cold! I would like to remind you that everyone needs a jumper and/or a jacket each day as students go outside unless it is pouring with rain. Did you know that according to the American Academy of Paediatrics children are less able than adults to regulate their body temperature- which is why we have to remind them to put jumpers on or take them off!

We have been busy this year with lots of school maintenance projects both large and small. Since the beginning of the year we have;

- Installed new pinboard coverings in all buildings
- Sanded and recoated the hall floor
- Purchased a new ride-on mower
- Recarpeted 2 classrooms
- Purchased new chairs, desks, conferencing table and, tote tray storage for the last 2 classrooms
- Resprayed the lines on the basketball court and in the carpark
- Had the concrete pathways ground to remove trip hazards
- Replaced and painted the timbers on the outdoor podiums
- Damaged timbers replaced and painted on the Tidbinbilla wall near the BSO office
- New metal facias installed on the Namadgi building
- All classroom lights upgraded to LEDs
- New fencing in the preschool
- Namadgi building corridor, doorframes and ceilings painted
- Preschool wall replaced and painted.

That's a lot of things to keep our school ticking along. Another exciting capital upgrade that will be commencing in the next few weeks the toilet upgrade for the Namadgi building. It has been approved and a contractor selected. Stay tuned for the commencement date. I am sure you, like I, are really looking forward to seeing the finished product.

We are very keen to keep families up to date with learning experiences that are occurring at school. We use our parent teacher interview processes, term overviews, Class Dojo, learning journeys and written reports to share both the planned and enacted learning across the course of the year for each child. In addition to that, phone calls, emails and parent meetings provide ongoing information about learning gains in a timely manner. We have recently updated our website (an ongoing body of work) so that our Curriculum pages reflect the learning sequences that are occurring. Please take a moment to have a look and see what you think.

## Dates for the Diary

### Friday 30 July

Athletics carnival  
POSTPONED

### Thursday 29 July

Board meeting 4.30pm

### Monday 2 August

Hats on

### Wednesday 4 August

Assembly 2.25pm

Host: Les Citrouilles

### Monday 9 August

ICAS writing

### Tuesday 10 August

Year 5 combined band to  
Aranda Primary 9.20-  
11.35am

### Wednesday 11 August

Assembly 2.25pm

Host: Les Agrumes

### Thursday 12 August

ICAS digital technologies  
9.30am

### Friday 13 August

SRC Olympics

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Have a great week,

Danielle

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

**From the Acting President:** Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the sausage sizzle tomorrow. Orders for sausages closed last night, so if you have not placed an order, please ensure you send lunch with your child tomorrow. Thank you also to those who attended our P&C meeting last night.



It's almost time - are you ready? The P&C Readathon starts on Sunday 1 August. All your child has to do is read as many books as they can, record them on their reading list, collect sponsors from their family and friends for reading the books, and finish at midnight (or bedtime) 22 August. There is a prize for the child from each year who have read the most books, and an overall prize for the child who has read the most books. Even better, the money that is raised through sponsorship will be used to help the school.

**Gardens and Grounds: Term 3 Working Bee - Saturday 28 August** Despite not feeling like it, spring is only 5.5 weeks away. So why not make the most of the last Saturday of winter by taking part in our upcoming working bee. Now is the perfect time to get into the gardens of the school grounds, so if you would like to get involved please drop a quick email to Chris Hollins ([grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com)). Thank you

**Class Parent Rep:** We still require a class parent representative for the Les Fruit des Dragons. It only takes a few minutes of your time once every couple of weeks if you are able to help. Please send an email to: [classparentrepsmps@gmail.com](mailto:classparentrepsmps@gmail.com)

**Calling all Year 6 parents:** We are forming a committee to help coordinate the Year 6 farewell in Term 4. If you would like to be involved in the organisation, please send an email to Fleur: [mfroddam@bigpond.com](mailto:mfroddam@bigpond.com). The more the merrier.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:uniforms.mps@gmail.com)

## MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Brocolis	Jackson S & Miguel F
Les Aubergines	Erash A & Maddy S
Les Citrouilles	Safi K & Maeve S
Les Concombres	Samara D & Alexander M
Les Groseilles	Anna D, Hamish Mu & Maia C
Les Fraises	Henry Mc, Dylan W & Pippa W
Les Sureaux	Shanlin C & James E

## 2021 SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **13 August to 3 September**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

- For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:
- A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address [EDU@qualtrics-survey.com](mailto:EDU@qualtrics-survey.com).**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to [EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au) to request a survey invitation. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please call the front office to provide an email prior to the 13 August.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office or we can send them home in an envelope if you contact the front office to request one.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. **We will have a laptop available in the front office for parents to access if they would like help logging on or if they don't have a device to use at home.**

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS

Les Petit Legumes—This fortnight, students will be looking at gender stereotypes and explore misconceptions such as pink is a girls colour and only boys can be firemen

Les Agrumes— We will continue our inquiry into our big questions 'What makes a body a body and how can I care for my body to keep it safe and healthy?' by looking at the question 'What are public and private body parts and why are some only for private?'. To prompt our thinking and wondering, we will be reading the book 'Everyone's got a Bottom' which talks about public and private parts. We will then be thinkers who connect their new learning when we label the parts of the body. A copy of the book is available in the library if any parents or carers would like to borrow it.

Les Fruits Tropicaux— Students will be learning about the difference between private and public spaces and how to keep themselves safe when in these spaces.

Les Baies— Students will be discussing consent and when it is needed. Students will also explore setting healthy boundaries.



# 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
Combined band	Year 5 band	Monday 2 August
Arboretum	Les Baies	Friday 13 August
Zoo	Les Agrumes & Les Pêches	Friday 13 August
Botanical Gardens	Les Petit Légumes	Tuesday 17 & Thursday 19 August
Camp Birrigai	Les Légumes & Les Pêches	Friday 27 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.

**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

Use washable metal straws instead of disposable ones. Take them with you if you are dining outside of your home.

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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

Macquarie Primary is an  
**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

*Avoiding all nuts.*

<b>Phone K-6 site:</b>	02 6142 1550	<b>Principal</b>	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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