

From our Principal

Yesterday saw the return of assemblies and our Kindergarten and Pelicans classes did a wonderful job entertaining the audience and sharing their brilliant work in the arts. The band was also dynamite, sounding just amazing. We are planning to do a band outdoor concert so parents can come along and see how much they've grown and what an amazing team they've become. Stay tuned for times and dates for this.

Today we have 50 students participating in the Regional Cross Country. We wish them luck and know they will represent our school with the utmost integrity.

Tomorrow is the start of Reconciliation Week. Part of our acknowledgement of Reconciliation Week includes students participating in a weaving activity with Ronnie Jordan from Culture on the Move. We have also launched our new PBL logos designed by local Indigenous artist Kristie Peters from Yurrudhamarra Creations. Students came up with the design features of the logos back in 2020 and it's wonderful to finally see them completed.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 26 May

Belconnen Region Cross Country

Friday 27 May—Friday 3 June

Reconciliation Week

Monday 30 May

Reconciliation Day

Tuesday 31 May

2023 Information Session and School Tour 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 1 June

Hats off

Monday 6 June

Green Yabbies School Photos

Thursday 9 June

Kindergarten—Year 6 & Red Crayfish School Photos

Monday 13 June

Queen's birthday

Tuesday 14 June

Staff planning day

Learner

(Fauna: Wedge-tailed Eagle Flora: Mountain Gums)

Wedge-tailed eagles can be found in our local National Parks. They usually build their nests in the tallest trees in the forest. This provides views in all directions allowing them to protect their territory, understand their environment and respond appropriately. They are intelligent, discerning and perceptive.

Safe

(Fauna: Platypus Flora: Grevillea)

The platypus is a small amphibious Australian mammal noted for its odd combination of primitive features and special adaptations. The platypus is an excellent swimmer, they are graceful and swift in the water. They are extremely energetic, feeding almost continuously while in the water, shovelling through streambed debris with their flat bills as they hunt for larval insects and freshwater crustaceans (a favourite food). The platypus uses its sophisticated electromechanical system to detect minute electrical signals given off by the muscles of its prey. After feeding, it retires to its burrow, the entrance of which is large enough to admit only the platypus and serves to squeeze excess moisture from the fur. The platypus has so many features to keep it safe it reminds us of how we keep ourselves and others safe at school.

Respectful

(Fauna: Echidna Flora: native bluebells)

Echidnas are often referred to as 'ecosystem engineers' While they might not seem the most active of animals, they spend an incredible amount of time digging and moving soil – with a study showing this to be an average of 200 cubic metres of soil each year, per echidna! By turning over so much, this improves soil mixing and water penetration, reduces run-off and erosion, and ultimately makes for healthier soils, which can lead to plant growth. It's fair to say these guys are environmentally minded. They show great respect for the Earth and model for us how we need to care for nature, each other and our community.

These beautiful logos are now part of our new acknowledgement system. Some students have achieved a bronze level acknowledgement and will receive these awards very soon. We hope to start work on designing logos for our school values through the same artist as a next step. Stay tuned!



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I'd like to provide further guidance on current advice regarding COVID-19 household contacts. If a student is a household contact, but doesn't have any symptoms, they can come to school provided they meet certain requirements for seven days. The requirements include:

- Notifying the school that the child is a household contact
- In years 3-6 we recommend wearing mask indoors if a student is a household contact (many students are choosing to do this regardless)
- Use the school provided RAT tests regularly while the student is a household contact (contact the front office if you need RAT tests).

If any symptoms emerge the student must stay at home until symptoms cease. This is required under the Public Health (Diagnosed People and Household contacts) Emergency Direction 2022 (No. 6.)

If a household contact has previously been diagnosed with COVID-19 and received clearance from the self-isolation period in the last 12 weeks, they do not have to comply with the risk mitigation strategies and can attend school or work.

With volunteers in school again we've been able to start Meccano Club for selected students. The first Meccano Club will be next Wednesday 1 June. We also have Jazzy Jumpers coming to do a demonstration on Tuesday 7 June. Jazzy Jumpers are a local skipping club who have had great success nationally as a performance team. We hope to inspire our students to join a skipping club which will be run by teachers at break times. It's a fun way to keep fit.

Lastly, we will be running a Parent Information Session and School Tour for our 2023 new families. This session will be held on Tuesday 31 May from 3.30-4.30. We will be sharing some information about the school and do a walk through of our learning spaces. All enrolments are now open to ACT Public Schools. If you have a child going to year 7 next year please fill in the online enrolment. If you are unsure how to enrol, ask our front office staff and they can walk you through the process.

Jodie



Students need to bring a drink bottle to school everyday. Our bubblers are currently unavailable.



Congratulations to Aiden C who has been selected for the ACT School Boys Rugby League team. He will compete in Wollongong in August against other national School Boys teams.

CLICK

PHOTO DAY

Green Yabbies - Monday 6 June
Red Crayfish & Kindergarten to Year 6 - Thursday 9 June

Payment Envelopes will be sent home shortly.

A graphic for Photo Day. It features a grey camera illustration with 'CLICK' written above it. The background is split into red and green sections. Below the camera, the text 'PHOTO DAY' is written in large, white, bold letters. Further down, the dates and times for the event are listed: 'Green Yabbies - Monday 6 June' and 'Red Crayfish & Kindergarten to Year 6 - Thursday 9 June'. At the bottom, it says 'Payment Envelopes will be sent home shortly.'

NEWS FROM THE P&C

A massive thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who helped out for the Election Day stalls last Saturday. We had a fantastic day and could not have done it without all of you! Thanks also to everyone for baking so many yummy goodies for the day and for the chocolate donations. What a wonderful community we have.



Class Parent Reps: We only have one more class needing a rep. Electric Eels still needs a volunteer, so if you are able to help out from that class, please send an email to: classparentrepsmps@gmail.com

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

Grab a bargain! Discounted discontinued items are available in flexischools (limited sizes), as well as scarves and beanies for winter. 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

Gardens and Grounds: Our Term 2 Working Bee will be on Sunday 19th June. Pop the date into your diaries now.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTED MEMBER ON SCHOOL BOARD

Do you know someone that would be a suitable addition to our school board or another school board in the ACT?

The Education Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from people to fill the position of "Appointed Member" on ACT public school boards. Expressions of interest will be used to fill vacant positions in schools across the ACT.

All ACT public schools have a school board. The school board is responsible for the school's strategic direction, its budget, policy implementation and related issues. Generally, school boards consist of:

- the school's principal;
- three parents and citizens members;
- two staff members;
- two student members (at high schools and colleges);
- one Appointed Member; and
- up to two Board Appointed Members (if any).

The appointed member is usually someone from outside the immediate school community, who is interested in and committed to public education. They bring an independent voice to board decisions. Appointments extend for periods up to two years and an appointed member may also be re-appointed after the conclusion of their term.

People interested in becoming an appointed member on a school board, should complete the [expression of interest form](#) and return it to the school boards team in the Education Directorate Email: EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au

Expressions of interest for this recruitment round will be open until COB Monday 20 June 2022 (week 9, term 2).

Interschools Snowsport Championships

Does your child ski or snowboard?

If they would like to compete in the Interschools Snowsports Championships to be held at Perisher from 18-22 July please get in touch with Liz Watterson - lizwatterson@hotmail.com

Every ACT public school is a great school

ENROL NOW FOR 2023

Enrol online by 3 June to receive an offer from 25 July 2022.

Need assistance?
Visit education.act.gov.au or call the Enrolments Telephone Service 6205 5429.



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
Band payment	Year 5 & 6 band	Payments welcome anytime
Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Belconnen Cross Country	Selected students	Friday 20 May

Updating Contact Information

Please update the school office if you have any changes to phone numbers, home address or email address.

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.

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, Superb Stingrays & 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

Take the stairs instead of the elevator.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
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Macquarie Primary School 2023 Information Session and School Tour

Are you interested in enrolling your child at Macquarie Primary School in 2023? Come along to an open afternoon with our Principal Jodie Rowell, and Deputy Principal Stacey Naden.

Tuesday 31 May - 3.30-4.30pm

Please RSVP via email admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au or 61421550.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Macquarie Training Centre

Branch Instructor Stephen White

Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie ACT 2614

Times: Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30pm and Thursday 6.30 - 7.30pm

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The **Junior Dolphins** program is for kids aged 7–14 who are interested in trying the sport of **WATER POLO**.

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