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# P&C Newsletter

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all other seasons."

- Jim Bishop

## Autumn Days

*Eleanor Bates • President*

Dear Parents and Carers of Macgregor Primary School,

The Easter holidays will soon be upon us, and I think we will all be pleased to have gotten through Term 1 with no community-wide lockdowns. To those in our school community who need to isolate due to COVID-19 and need support, please let the P&C, or the school, know, and we can arrange to provide you with the assistance you need.

Our school's community is a vibrant one, and the P&C is pleased to be able to support a range of activities that benefit the community. Last year we were awarded a grant by Andrew Leigh MP, Member for Fenner, under the Fenner Strong Communities Programme, which has paid for two new water tanks for the school's kitchen garden. These water tanks will be installed during the Easter school holidays in the area around the Hut and will be used by the OSHC children and staff to help maintain the gardens. When we can welcome parents back into the school, the P&C will hold a formal launch of the water tanks and kitchen gardens.

The P&C is always on the lookout for people keen to help us grow our community and parental engagement. If you have any ideas or activities that you would like to see undertaken, please contact the P&C and see what we can do together.

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## 2022 P&C

Maranthi Butler - Vice-President

The following people have kindly agreed to donate their time, energy and expertise to help the MPS P&C thrive.

**President:** Eleanor Bates

**Secretary:** Mardi Darmody

**Treasurer:** Natasha Janssens

**Assistant Treasurer:** Tracey Barker

**Public Officer:** Lisa Burling

**Fundraising Convenor:** Tracey Barker

(Committee members: Megan Bush, Marisa Chow, Alli Sobey)

**OSHC Convenor:** Rod Saunders (Committee members: Lauren Allen, Karina Keast, Megan Bush).

**Music Scheme:** Lyndall Visagie

**Uniform Shop Convenor:** Tracey Barker

(Committee members: Bronwyn Saunders, Marisa Chow, Alli Sobey)

**Canteen Convenor:** Eleanor Bates (Committee members: Lisa Burling, Megan Bush)

**Sponsorships/Grants:** Mardi Darmody, Ruth Anderson

**Health, Work & Safety:** Ruth Anderson and Trent Darmody

**Preschool Convenor:** Maranthi Butler

**P&C Council Delegate:** Maranthi Butler

**Early Learning Council Delegate:** Mardi Darmody

*Volunteers are the life blood of any NFP. Each month we want to introduce you to your P&C*



**Vice President: Maranthi Butler**

**When did you first move to the area?**

I am a Canberra girl through and through! I grew up in Latham and moved into my first home in new Macgregor in 2009. We then moved not too far down the road to Dunlop.

**What year is your kid/s in at the moment?**

My son is in year 3 and my daughter is in pre-school

**What are your ambitions for the P&C in 2022?**

I would really like to see more of our school community be part of the P & C, and at the very least be 'a voice' for those who may not be able to join or attend. Definitely having more fundraisers after the last few months of not being able to do any, and trying to have our school community be part of this as much as possible.

**DATE** April 28 @ 6:30pm  
**SUBJECT** P&C General Meeting





# P&C Business

*Changes to the Macgregor Primary School  
Parents and Citizens Association  
Constitution.*

As you might have seen, the P&C has been updating its Constitution to bring the document into the electronic era.

The new Constitution was approved by the P&C at its general meeting on 24 March 2022. Once lodged with Access Canberra, the new Constitution will become the official Constitution of the P&C and will guide the growth of the P&C's businesses into the future.



## Landcare

*Clean up Australia Day was a great success!*

Thank you to everyone who participated in clean-up Australia Day with the Macgregor Landcare Group. The team collected 7 bags of rubbish. The usual bottles, cans, small plastics and wipes made up the bulk of the rubbish. The most unusual item was a table pulled from the creek bank and dragged back to the collection point.



## Safe driving around school

A reminder to all parents and carers to drive safely around the school. In particular:

- \* Do not try to overtake in the Yerrabi Yuumma turning circle at the front of the school.
- \* When coming out of Yerrabi Yuumma onto Hirschfeld Crescent please turn right only.
- \* Consider parking in the Kings Swim carpark and walking across to the Clode Place gate rather than trying to drive in and around Clode Place.
- \* Use part way points such as the bottom of Swift Place or the carpark at the Oval, rather than a school carpark.

# Meet the OSHC Educators

*Over the next few months we want to highlight the amazing staff at OSHC.*

Hi, I'm Erielle! Nice to meet you!

I'm a Filipino-Australian who's lived in Canberra pretty much my whole life. I am currently in the third year of my Journalism degree at the University of Canberra. I'm a fan of Marvel, Disney, musicals, and animations.

I joined MPSOHC because I heard of all the wonderful programs and people that were a part of the service. When I attended after school care my experience wasn't that great and now, I wanted to be a part of a caring, nurturing, and fun service for children.





# RAFFLE

**Our annual Easter Raffle is back** - this time with a bit of a difference! This year we are trialing an online system - you can share the link with family and friends to help our fundraising goal!

1st Prize: Giant Easter Hamper

2nd Prize: Medium Easter Hamper

3rd-10th Prize: Small Easter Hampers

**Check out these fantastic prizes!** Feel free to share the link with family and friends

**Raffle will be drawn Friday 8th April 10am**



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# Autumn Photography Contest

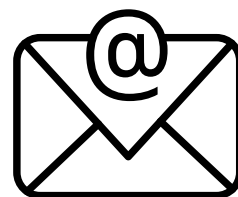
Share a photo you have taken of something Autumn.



It can be trees, mountains or just a single leaf, but it has to be in the colours of Autumn.

Your entries should be submitted to Mr Visagie at [arno.visagie@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:arno.visagie@ed.act.edu.au) by Friday 29 April 2022.

There will be prizes for grabs for the best voted photo out of every year group.



## federal budget

2022-23

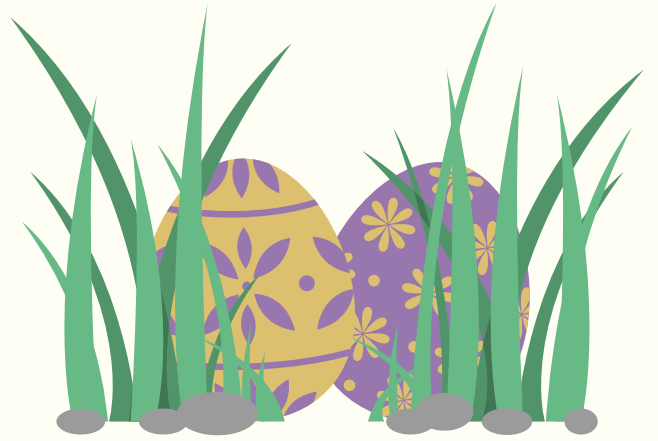
The Morrison Government handed down the federal budget this week on Tuesday.

### How did families fair?

- **\$1500 tax break** - Australian workers earning under \$126,000 a year will score a one-off tax bonus budget that will deliver a tax cut of up to \$1500 in July.
- **Childcare subsidy increases**, brought forward from July 1 to March 7, will leave the average family more than \$2200 per year better off.
- **Fuel excise** will be cut in half for the next six months. The 22c cut will started from midnight on Tuesday, providing relief to households within two weeks when it flows through to the bowers.

For all budget information go to <https://budget.gov.au/index.htm>

# KIDS PUZZLE



## Easter fun by Kids Puzzles & Games

### Easter Count and Colour Worksheet

A cool count and colour worksheet, great for younger children and those learning to count.

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### Easter Egg Hunt Finding Game

This great Easter egg finding game is perfect for all ages.

#### Game 1 (Older Children)

Write a series of clues on the numbered eggs directing the children to the next egg. Give the first egg to the children with the clue written on the back to find the second egg. You could give a small Easter egg as a reward.

#### Game 2 (Younger Children)

Hide the numbered eggs around the home, garden or playing area. Get the children to collect all the eggs and put them in number order to get an Easter treat.

<https://www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk/holidays/easter>



HOW DO YOU KNOW  
THAT CARROTS ARE  
GOOD FOR YOUR  
EYES?



You never see a rabbit  
wearing glasses



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