



Macquarie Fields Public School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week

2018



**Every Wednesday from the
21st of February**

9 to 10am Parent Café

Tuesday, 27th February
Leadership Induction Ceremony
9:15am

Friday, 2nd March
GALA Day

Tuesday, 6th March
Zone Swimming Carnival

Thursday, 8th March
Zone Swimming Finals

Thursday, 15th March
Selective High School Test

Wednesday, 21st March
Harmony Day

Thursday, 22nd March
School Photos Years 3-6

Monday, 26th March
School Photos Years K-2

MFPS Breaking News.... Kindergarten Enjoy Their First Two Weeks Of School!



Kindergarten 16.02.2018



Kindergarten Being Silly 16.02.2018

Toddler Time

What a wonderful time we had last week in the library. Our toddlers enjoyed the story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', and we sang an action song about the caterpillar who turned into a beautiful butterfly. Today our children painted a beautiful butterfly.

We welcome all toddlers to our story time each **Friday at 8.30am in the Library** with Mrs Dennis.



LIBRARY BAGS

Every student in our school has the opportunity to borrow library books as a part of their weekly library lesson. To help look after our books it is necessary for each child to have a library bag which they must bring to school each time their class has library.

If you would like to purchase a library bag for your child they are available from the school library for \$3 each. Exact money can be handed to the library or you can make payment through the school's silver box system.

The School Library Team

Please do not send large amounts of money to school with your child/ren for the canteen. We encourage the use of the online canteen facility for both recess and lunch order-



What's On in Term 1?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	19.02.18 <i>Life Education this week</i>	20.02.18	21.02.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	22.02.18 <i>School Banking</i>	23.02.18
5	26.02.18 <i>Life Education this week</i>	27.02.18 <i>Leadership Induction Ceremony 9:15am</i>	28.02.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	1.03.18 <i>School Banking</i>	2.03.18 GALA DAY
6	5.03.18 <i>Life Education this week</i>	6.03.18 <i>Zone Swimming Carnival</i>	7.03.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	8.03.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Zone Swimming Finals</i>	9.03.18
7	12.03.18 <i>Conference for School Leaders</i>	13.03.18	14.03.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	15.03.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Selective High Schools Test</i>	16.03.18 GALA DAY Audition Applications for CPAHS close.
8	19.03.18	20.03.18	21.03.18 <i>Harmony Day</i> <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	22.03.18 <i>School Photos Years 3-6</i> <i>School Banking</i>	23.03.18
9	26.03.18 <i>School Photos Years K-2</i>	27.03.18	28.03.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	29.03.18 <i>Easter Hat Parade K-2 at 12pm</i> <i>School Banking</i>	30.03.18 Good Friday
10	2.04.18 Easter Monday	3.04.18	4.04.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	5.04.18 <i>School Banking</i>	6.04.18 Walkathon/Colour Run
11	9.04.18	10.04.18	11.04.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	12.04.18 <i>School Banking</i>	13.04.18 Last Day of Term

Uniform Shop - New Everyday Polo Shirts Have Arrived!

We are happy to inform you that the new everyday polo shirts have arrived in the Uniform Shop. So that there will be enough shirts for all students, there will be a limit of two shirts per child that can be purchased until further notice. As more become available this limit will change. Thank you for your patience.

Healthy Harold Comes To Visit

Healthy Harold has been enjoying his time meeting all the students at Macquarie Fields Public School. Harold even came to the office with some flowers!



Principal's Report

It was wonderful to have so many parents come to our *Meet the Teacher* afternoons last week. It shows the support our students have for their learning. We hope many parents will join us at our first *Parent Café* tomorrow at 9.30am in the staffroom. If you would like to help in your child's class this year or volunteer in our school we will be completing the required paperwork during this time.

The support we get from our families is also shown to us as so many people have already paid the voluntary contribution for this year.

If you are concerned about driver behaviour in our school zone please report it to the police or the traffic officer at Campbelltown Council. The police and council will send patrols to the area and book people doing the wrong thing. **WE MUST KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!!! Also remember that parents are not allowed to drive onto school grounds.** There was a terrible accident last year where an out of control car went into a wooden classroom. We keep our gates closed during the day. Please read the information regarding the **seven new offences in a school zone** in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Sharon Rodwell and Janet McGregor . These school learning support officers were recognised at a special event last Thursday, for their outstanding work and dedication to our students.

Our induction ceremony for this year's school leaders will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 9.15 in the school hall. Year 5 and 6 students will attend. We hope parents of leaders will be able to join us for this special assembly and morning tea afterwards.

Cultural groups who would like to perform on Harmony Day please let us know. Harmony Day is on 21st March.

Kerrie Hayman
Principal



The school leaders, Mrs Sellick, Mrs Dutta and Ms Kessey and many other student volunteers have been helping to fill the new tyre gardens with soil and plant the plants over the last few Fridays. Thank you to **Tim's Garden Centre**, at Campbelltown, for donating some of the plants. This was a project from last year involving Mrs Sellick, Mrs Dutta and many parents from Parent Café as well as students from 2 Maldives and Mrs McKay. It's great to be up to planting. It is looking fantastic!

Rule of the Week: Be Kind!

Congratulations to the playground canteen voucher winners over the past two weeks.

Teachers are looking out for students who are being kind in the playground and classroom.

Think about what you can do in the classroom, in the playground and at home to show kindness to others.

- * Ms. Chiew and Ms Duff are starting a new initiative called '**Kindness Club**' - another wonderful opportunity for our children.



Getting To And From School

Arrival

Students arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:50am and stay in Areas c and D. During these hotter months students and parents may sit in Area E on the silver seats in the morning. Students may play until the bell at 8:50am when they move to lines to begin the school day. During wet weather students are allowed to go straight to their classroom to be supervised by their teacher. Students arriving at school late are to be signed in at the School Office by a parent/caregiver.

Cars

Parents and caregivers are asked to park in the car park across from the school or park on the street and walk their child/ren to and from school grounds. Parents are not permitted to park on the school site.

Please take care in car park areas to ensure the safety of all students. All care should be taken to obey traffic rules and signs. Please be considerate of local residents as they are our neighbours and need to be able to access their driveways. Do not ever park in the No Parking zone and care should be taken to adhere to traffic regulations regarding No Parking zones. Never double park your car. Cars parked on the footpath, in No Standing / No Parking Zones or double-parked can incur fines from the police or rangers. Cars parked within 3 metres of double lines are also parked illegally and may be fined. This applies to the road directly in front of the school. Parents have been fined for parking. The crossing lady is there to assist children and families to cross the road safely. Cars must stop when she indicates for them to do so.

Buses

Students catching a bus from school need to wait after the home bell on the silver seats. There is a teacher on duty to assist students to walk safely to the school bus.

Students are expected to behave responsibly when travelling on the bus to or from school. Repeated misbehaviour may result in the school bus pass being revoked.

Students catching the bus from across the other side of the school should be accompanied by an adult as this is a public bus.

After School Care also wait at the silver seats in the afternoon to be collected by their carer, unless attending the onsite before and after school care in the hall.

Dismissal

At 2:55pm all students are dismissed from their classroom and make their way to the front of the school. Parents are allowed to go up to the classrooms at 2:50pm to collect their child, or they can meet their child/ren at the silver seats. Child/ren are not permitted to wait for parents at the front of the school or across the road.

Seven New School Zone Traffic Offences

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

- 1. Stopping in intersection** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights)** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights)** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
- 6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
- 7. Parallel park close to dividing line** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

All updated school zone offences can be located through Roads and Maritime: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

Cybersafety- iParent

Helping children to stay safe online is something many parents are concerned about. Knowing about potential risks and how to deal with them can help manage negative situations. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has a very informative website for parents to support you in assisting your children to be safe when on the internet. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/iparent>

Here is a sample from the site to support parents to talk to children about cyber bullying.

What do I say?

Listen, don't judge For example, 'I understand what you're saying, and I'm glad you came to me about this.

You're not going to get into trouble, but we need to trust each other, fix this and move forward.'

Let them know you're there to help them, even if they're in trouble, no matter what. For example, *'You might not want to tell me all the detail, but if we can talk honestly about what's happened I promise I'll listen and stay calm. No matter what happens, we can do this and I love you.*

Let them know your policy on cyberbullying and what breaking the rules might look like. For example, *'I want to make sure we're clear on some rules around your use of technology and how to treat people online. Sending around photos or videos to hurt and embarrass someone isn't ok.'*

Emphasise the positive. For example, *'I know what a kind and respectful person you are, and it makes me so proud to see you acting the same way when you're online. You are such a great friend: I can see how much everyone looks up to you at school.*

Encourage empathy. For example, *'I noticed that Sam hasn't been at training for the past few weeks ... and her dad told me she's been pretty sad lately. Have you noticed anything? What do you think is wrong? Would that make you sad? What can we do to help?'*

Encourage resilience. For example, *'None of what they've posted about you is true, and it's very hurtful. What they've done isn't ok. They must be feeling pretty bad about themselves to treat you like this. How are you feeling? Let's block them to stop their messages coming through. Then I was thinking we could finally go and pick up those concert tickets for Friday night. Want to come with me?'*

Book Club



Our school is once again participating in Scholastic Book Club. Up to twice a term, during the school year, a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages will be sent home.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. We recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

Ordering is easy. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card or alternatively you can place your order directly through the front office at the school using the Scholastic Order Form and by paying with either cash or EFTPOS.

As well as having the opportunity to own your own books, each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order.

Yours sincerely,

The School Library Team.



ACTIVE KIDS REBATE GET YOUR \$100 VOUCHER PER SCHOOL AGED CHILD

Participation in sport is extremely valuable to our community. However, parents and families can at times find it difficult to meet the costs associated with their kid's participation sport.

That is why the NSW Government has announced the Active Kids Program designed to help parents with the financial costs of their kids participation. We want to make sport and fitness activities more affordable and get kids off the couch and active.

Parents can now **claim up to \$100 per school enrolled child per calendar year** as a voucher to reduce the cost of eligible sport and fitness activities.

These activities could include traditional sport such as netball, football or cricket; as well as other fitness or physical activities such as swimming classes or dance.

The rebate is not means tested so every family has access to this initiative. Parents are now able to register for the voucher online or through their local Service NSW Centre.

This is all part of the NSW Government's goal to make having a family and being active more affordable. The Active Kids Program is also a key tool in the battle against childhood obesity and supports the Premier's priority to reduce childhood obesity rates by five per cent over 10 years.

Following is also a flyer outlining how to apply and further information about the Active Kids Program can be found at

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

How to apply for and redeem vouchers - Four simple steps.

1. To learn about the program visit **sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids** and read the Guidelines and Fact Sheets.
2. Visit **service.nsw.gov.au** and create or login to your MyServiceNSW Account.
3. Complete an Active Kids application through your MyServiceNSW Account. You will receive a voucher with a unique ID number for each child you register.
4. **Redeem Your Voucher** - Take your child's voucher to a registered activity provider, or log onto your provider's website to enrol and enter the voucher ID number.

Hi Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you that the school is no longer posting information on the School Parents Website.

The school now has a Facebook page.

To communicate important information, you now need to visit our School Website and the Macquarie Fields Public School Facebook page. Please find below the links to both the school website and Facebook page.

<http://www.macfields-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/macquariefieldspublicschool/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send a message via the Facebook page.

The Secret Agent Society for children eight to 12 years

Uncovering new ways to manage emotions and behaviour.



The Secret Agent Society is an evidence-based program designed for children living with autism, Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, anxiety disorders, anger management difficulties or a disability. The society is a fun way for friendships, team work and conversations to thrive.

Children learn how to:

- Cope with change
- Detect other people's emotions
- Talk and play with others
- Deal with bullying
- Become socially and emotionally resilient

The program is delivered over 12 to 23 weeks and can be funded through your child's NDIS plan. There are only three children in each society, and there must be three society members before the program can be run.

The Secret Agency Society can be run at a Uniting venue after school, in a community setting or with consent at a child's school.

Please get in touch to find your nearest secret society. If there isn't a program nearby, we might be able to establish one for you.

Learn more.
1800 864 846
ask@uniting.org
uniting.org

Uniting is an accredited provider of the Secret Agent Society program.



Uniting

Did you know?

WATER

Children should not be drinking fruit juice regularly. While some juices contain vitamin C, they lack the fibre and many other important nutrients contained in a whole piece of fruit.



Health

Live Life Well
@School

Did you know?

HEALTHY SNACKS

Filling up on junk or 'sometimes' foods high in energy and sugar leaves less room for the more nutritious or 'everyday' foods.



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Salvation Army Food Drive

Our school has been asked to participate in a food drive run by the Salvation Army. This will help assist their welfare services to provide non-perishable food items to people in need.

How will this work?

From now until March 30th, 2018, you can donate any non-perishable food items that are still within the use by or expiration date. Please bring your donations to the front office. Examples include; long life milk, pasta, rice, canned goods, pasta sauces, breakfast cereals.



Thank you for your support!

Miss Jess (School Chaplain)



DOING THE
MOST GOOD

PLAYGROUP

Macquarie Fields Public School
Fields Road, Macquarie Fields

Contact Suzanne on 0434 775 973



<u>Term 1 2018</u> <u>10am to 12pm Wednesday</u>
7 th February 2018 – Welcome Back - Trolls
14 th February 2018 – Paw Patrol
21 st February 2018 – Minions
28 th February 2018 – Under the Sea
7 th March 2018 – Jungle
14 th March 2018 – Dinosaurs
21 st March 2018 – “Guest Speaker: Asthma Australia”-Monsters
28 th March 2018 - Beach
4 th April 2018 – Easter Craft
Playgroup will return on Wednesday 9th May 2018 for Term 2