



Macquarie Fields Public School

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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8



Friday, 22nd June
Commonwealth Games Day

Tuesday, 3rd July
Kindergarten 2019
Information Night 6:30pm

Wednesday, 4th July
Bike Education 1 Kryptonite
& 2 Hematite

Every Wednesday
9am to 10 am Parent Café
10am to 12pm Playgroup

Tuesdays 8:30am - 9:30am
Thursdays 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Uniform Shop Open



SAVE THE DATE -

'Mini Fete'

20 SEPTEMBER, 2018

We are looking for sponsors for our Mini Fete extravaganza. If you are aware of a local business that may wish to support our Mini Fete at the end of next term – please come and speak to Mrs Sellick in the Office.



iPad Learning Experience

4 Bloodstone & Mr Bennie worked with Eric Luna from Datacom to try out new methods of using iPads in the classroom for learning. Students learnt how to use Gsuite forms through the Google Drive to create their own surveys.



Semester 1 Reporting - Written reports will go home to parents on Thursday 28 June. Parent/ teacher interviews will be held in the second week of next term. Booking confirmation note will be sent with your child's school report.



Well Done to the MFPS students who represented our school on the Fields Zone Senior Girls Touch Football Team!

Great playing and sportsmanship Emma , Fontayne & Breannah.

The Fields Zone Senior Girls Touch Football team is made up of girls who are selected (after trying out) from schools in our school zone and they play in a competition against zone teams.

What's On in Term 2 & 3?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	18.06.18	19.06.18 <i>PSSA Girls Softball</i>	20.06.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i> <i>Bike Education</i> <i>2 Corundum</i>	21.06.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Kindy Assembly (Item K Meteor)</i>	22.06.18 Commonwealth Games Day <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i>
9	25.06.18	26.06.18 <i>Year 1 Responsible Pet Care</i> <i>Stage 2 Assembly (Item 4 Bloodstone)</i>	27.06.18 <i>Year 2 Responsible Pet Care</i> <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	28.06.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Stage 1 Assembly (Item 2 Larimar)</i>	29.06.18 <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i>
10	2.07.18	3.07.18 <i>Stage 3 Assembly</i> <i>Kindergarten 2019 Information Night 6:30pm</i>	4.07.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i> <i>Bike Education</i> <i>1 Kryptonite & 2 Hematite</i>	5.07.18 <i>Kindy Assembly (Item K Garnet)</i> <i>School Banking</i>	6.07.18 <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i> <i>Last day of term.</i>
T3 Wk 1	23.07.18	24.07.18 <i>Students to return to school.</i>	25.07.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	26.07.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Calmsley City Farm Excursion - Kindergarten</i>	27.07.18 <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i>
2	30.07.18	31.07.18	1.08.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	2.08.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Stage 1 Assembly (Item 1 Diamond)</i>	3.08.18 <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i>
3	6.08.18 <i>Education Week</i>	7.08.18 <i>Education Week</i> <i>Stage 2 Assembly (Item 4 Wardite)</i>	8.08.18 <i>Education Week</i> <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	09.08.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Education Week</i> <i>Kindy Assembly (Item K Magma)</i>	10.08.18 <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i> <i>Education Week</i>
4	13.08.18	14.08.18 <i>Stage 3 Assembly</i>	15.08.18 <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	16.08.18 <i>School Banking</i> Wakakirri <i>Stage 1 Assembly (Item 2 Fairystone)</i>	17.08.18 <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i>
5	20.08.18	21.08.18	22.08.18 <i>Stage 2 Camp to Broken Bay</i> <i>Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom)</i> <i>Playgroup 10am (Hall)</i>	23.08.18 <i>School Banking</i> <i>Stage 2 Camp to Broken Bay</i> <i>Kindy Assembly (Item K Salt)</i>	24.08.18 GALA DAY <i>Stage 2 Camp to Broken Bay</i> <i>Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.</i>

New Date For Commonwealth Games Day!

Macquarie Fields is having its Commonwealth Games on Friday the 22nd of June. It's a big day of fun and games out on Monarch Oval. Don't forget that parents are invited to come along and watch the games. We look forward to seeing you there.

Principal's Report

Congratulations to Brooklyn from Year 6 who won the Rotary Club's 2018 Young Achiever of the Year in Sport. It was an outstanding achievement!!

VISITORS PROCEDURES

Student safety is always of highest priority at our school.

Please help us ensure everyone on school grounds can be trusted near the children by following our visitor procedures.

ALL visitors to the school must go to the office first, sign in and get a visitors' tag. The tag is returned as you leave the school and you sign out. This includes parents who wish to drop something off for their child.

To ensure learning time is not interrupted we ask that anything that needs to be dropped off for your child gets taken to the office and staff will take it to your child in a learning break.

Debby Meredith

Principal (Relieving)



Support the Troops for ANZAC Day - Thank you

In term one Macquarie Fields Public School students were asked to support our troops deployed overseas by donating items that could be made into care packages to be sent to the soldiers. The organiser of the care packages, Ms Kessey, received a letter from Alexander Burns thanking the school. Alexander Burns is a Royal Australian Air Force Flight Lieutenant deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan. Lieutenant Burns sent us a photo of himself with other soldiers on ANZAC Day and an Air Force Ensign that he has been wearing on his flying suit.

G'Day Macquarie Fields Public School

I would first of all like to say a heart felt thank you for the care package that I was fortunate to receive. My name is Alexander Burns I am a Royal Australian Air Force Flight Lieutenant. I am deployed to Bagram Afghanistan as the Train Advise Assist Liaison officer to the Afghan Air Force. I spend my days in the command centre helping to coordinate the Afghan Air Force. There are very few Australians in my location, so it was very nice to receive a package from home.

Most of the members here are part of Nato, so there is lots of Americans, British, Italian, German, Czech. Its great to work with these guys to try help our Afghan friends. We are extremely lucky to live in Australia, its a very safe and very beautiful country. Afghanistan too is a stunningly beautiful country, with some great people. They just need a helping hand to make it safer.

Again thank you for your thoughtful package, please find an Air Force Ensign that I have been wearing on my flying suit and a picture from Anzac Day.

If you want to ask any questions/learn about what we are doing over here. Feel free to email me.

Best Wishes

Alexander



The Adventures Of Stage 3 - Bathurst Excursion



On Friday week six the year five and sixes from Macquarie Fields, went to Bathurst to go gold digging at the goldfields.

The people going to Bathurst had to be at school by 6:20 in the morning so we could leave really early. We ended up leaving just before 7:00 am. It took about two or three and a half hours to get there.

First we had a stop at the Blue Mountains to have a break and take some photos of the three sisters.

After that we lined up and got back on the bus. It took about another hour or two to get to the Bathurst goldfields. Once we got there we went to play some games while the other groups were doing the other activities. After the games Miss Baxter's group went and cooked some damper. Nearly everyone was dying to have another piece.

Finishing off our damper we then headed to the gold digging. We got told how to do it and a lot of people found gold of nuggets, some people just found a lot of glitter flakes.

We did a lot of other things too and got back to school at around 7 pm. Everyone arrived home safely.

Jaida - 5 Moonstone



Futsal (Indoor Soccer)



On Tuesday week five Mr Tasker, Mr Symington and Mrs Singh took us all to Bankstown Basketball stadium to futsal. We took three teams, the Junior Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Boys teams and versed teams from other schools.

I was a goal keeper and it was really hard protecting a ball coming in and out, also side by side. I was on the Senior Girls team and my team mates were really good on the court at scoring goals, defending and attacking. We had a really hard game which resulted in a draw, so we had to have a penalty shootout but unfortunately we lost. We nearly made the semi-finals.

We watched the Junior Boys and Senior Boys and they had a brilliant game as we cheered them on really loudly.

The teachers were funny and helpful, giving us tips and advice. Thankyou Mr Tasker, Mr Symington and Mrs Singh for giving us a great day.

Jacqueline - 5/6 Flint

Money Reminder

Parents are asked to not send \$50 notes to school with their child.

The canteen will not accept them, as it does not have change for such large notes.

If you are paying for a uniform or excursion the money should be sealed in an envelope and placed in the silver box in the morning. Please note that change cannot be given to your child until at least the next day.



Creative Kids At Work

Years 4-6 students in Ms Gavenlock's home sport class were given the task to design a house that would be wind proof. For inspiration, the class listened to the story of the Hairy Nose Wombats Find a New Home by Jackie French.



Also, the class viewed video clips of houses from different countries and some very unusual houses.

Students worked in pairs to design their house and were given a variety of materials to test and use for their designs. Ms Gavenlock used a hairdryer as the wind to test the students' houses. 3 teams' houses were wind proof. Can you work out which ones?

Great Work Raha From 5 Fossil

Raha created an outstanding assignment for the area of learning 'Significant People in Australian History'. Raha presented her project about John Macarthur creatively by making a giant \$2 note that he appeared on. The note opens up to reveal lots of information and a timeline.



Uniform Shop - Starting Tuesday Term 3, the Uniform Shop will have changed opening times. The Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday afternoons 2:15pm to 3:15pm and Thursday mornings 8:30am to 9:30am.**

Parent Café - Classroom Visits

Parents attending Parent Café in week 6 had the opportunity to visit our 3 to 6 classrooms and look at the teaching of Math at our school.



The Adventures Of Stage Three - Rhonda & Jamie Circus Performance

On Thursday week seven, Miss Baxter, Miss Fait and Mrs Falconer with the years five and six students went to see the circus performance by students from Campbelltown Performing Arts High School.

When the Year five's arrived the circus started and all of my friends screamed when we saw the contemporary dance moves with flips and a lot of other acrobatic moves.

At the end the two teams red and blue were pretend fighting and the teacher asked, "How do you want it to end?". Ashley yelled, "Kill him!" pointing to the red dude and everybody laughed when he said it.

At last we arrived back at school safe and sound, so did Year 6. We all had a fun time.

Jekka - 5 Moonstone



Late Arrival/Early Departures from School

Any student arriving late or departing early is marked as a partial absence on the class roll. At times, an incident may occur that results in your child arriving late at school. At this time, you should accompany your child to the office to provide an explanation for the late arrival. Repeated occurrences of being late to school are a serious interruption to your child's learning and the learning of other children in the room. Teachers are required under the Education Act to follow up on patterns of poor attendance including patterns of partial attendance such as being repeatedly late to school. Serious or continued absences without approved reasons are referred to the Home School Liaison Officer.

At times, students have a need to depart from school early. I gently remind you as parents of the need for students to be at school for the whole day. Every minute of learning is important. If you must take your child from school early you must come to the school office to organise the appropriate paperwork including the time of departure and a reason. Office staff will advise your child's teacher. Due to the disruption to the class, parents are asked never to go straight up to the classroom.

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health in Kindergarten

In 2018, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will take part in the fourth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don't need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers' individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Kindergarten parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website:


www.aedc.gov.au

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM BODY IMAGE AND EATING DISORDERS

FACILITATED BY ANOULACK
CHANTHIVONG MP IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH SANDRA MCDONALD
AND ONE DOOR MENTAL HEALTH

THE EVENT IS
FREE, HOWEVER,
BOOKINGS ARE
ESSENTIAL.



THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2018 | 6.30PM TO 8.30PM
GREG PERCIVAL COMMUNITY CENTRE
CNR OXFORD RD & CUMBERLAND RD, INGLEBURN
 DOORS OPEN FROM 6PM - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
Register your interest via: macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au | letsbackanoulack.com | 9618 2077

- Guest speakers from The Butterfly Foundation for Eating Disorders and headspace Campbelltown
- Information stalls
- Question and answer session
- Suitable for parents and carers of young people, teachers, school counsellors or well-being coordinators and anyone with an interest in mental health.

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 to each other 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.



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"-Aesop

Opal Cards

It is important that all travelling customers, including students issued with free travel passes, carry their Opal card with them and remember to tap on and off each time.

It is now a requirement for all travelling customers to have a valid ticket prior to boarding otherwise they may be subject to a fine (of up to \$200). Encouraging the correct use of Opal cards provides safety and security for students, parents, school and police (should they be found elsewhere). It also provides accurate statistical usage for future planning and helps identify stations needing extra resources.

Please remind your child to use their Opal card and if need be please update their details if their Opal card is no longer valid. The process to update student details (including applying for a new card) can now be done online at <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/sssts/>.

You can also access a list of FAQ's at:

<http://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/faqs-school-students/>

Announcement: Term 3 Music Bus Enrolments Now Open

The Music Bus are now taking new student enrolments for Term 3. The program is open for all students from Kindy/Prep to 6. Running weekdays at school. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drum and Ukulele and so it is advised to enrol asap.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18).



If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742



MACARTHUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC. SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC

When: Monday, 9th – Thursday, 12th July 2018, 9.00 am – 12 noon

Where: Lynwood Park, Rangers Road, St Helens Park

What to bring: Boots, football kit, drink bottle, shin pads, hat and sunscreen

REGISTRATION FORM

Age Group: _____ DOB: _____

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent / Guardian Information

Name _____ Mobile Number _____ Email Address _____

Current Club _____

Does the player have any known health issues? Yes / No

If yes, please supply details and medication requirements? _____

MFA Coaching Clinic T-Shirt size (please circle) 6 8 10 12 14 16 S Men's

Payment of \$150 (\$130 for siblings) to BSB 032 718 A/C 458105 with player's name and Coaching Clinic as the reference.

When using direct debit, please bring the payment receipt with you on the first day of the Coaching Clinic.

All applications must be received and paid by COB Wednesday, 4th July (no walk-ups for organisational purposes).

Players receive a ball and T-shirt. Barbecue lunch on the final day.

Please return completed form to admins@macarthurfootball.com.au

COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM

BODY IMAGE AND EATING DISORDERS



Sandra McDonald from One Door Mental Health with Aysun Goktepe from headspace Campbelltown and Anoulack Chanthivong MP.

“Eating disorders are complex mental health illnesses that require a collaborative approach and a supportive environment to assist recovery. I look forward to working with Sandra McDonald and other partners in delivering this important community information evening.”

Anoulack Chanthivong MP

Member for Macquarie Fields

Authorised by Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields, Shop 3, 2-6 Oxford Rd, Ingleburn.

Thursday 21st June 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Greg Percival Community Centre.