



Macquarie Fields Public School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2

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Wednesday, 1st August

NAIDOC Assembly

OC Test

Thursday, 2nd August

Premiers Debating

Challenge

Monday, 6th August

Education Week Starts

Tuesday, 7th August

Open day

Thursday, 16th August

Wakakirri Performance

Friday 17th August

K-2 Athletics carnival

Every Wednesday

9am to 10 am Parent Café

10am to 12pm Playgroup

Term 3 Uniform Shop

Times

Tuesdays 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Thursdays 8:30am -
9:30am

MFPS Breaking News....Macquarie Fields P.S on Seven News

On Friday 27th of July, Macquarie Fields P.S featured on Channel 7 as part of a story on the Future Teachers Program run by Macquarie Fields High School. It is exciting to see some of our classes on the news as part of this great program.



Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments - Just a reminder to parents that Kindergarten enrolments for 2019 are now being taken. The Kinderstart program is filling up quickly so enrol soon so that you don't miss out.

New ICAS Dates For Term 3

Mathematics - Week 4

Monday 13th August - Years 3 to 6

Thursday 16th August - Year 2

English - Week 5

Monday 20th August - Years 3 to 6

Thursday 23rd August - Year 2

What's On in Term 3?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	30.07.18	31.07.18 Stage 1 Parent Teacher Interviews	1.08.18 Stage 2 Parent Teacher Interviews OC Test Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom) Playgroup 10am (Hall)	2.08.18 School Banking Stage 1 Assembly (Item 1 Diamond) Premiers Debating Challenge Round 2	3.08.18 Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library. 100 Days of Learning in Kindergarten Celebration
3	6.08.18 Education Week	7.08.18 Education Week Open day	8.08.18 Education Week Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom) Playgroup 10am (Hall)	09.08.18 School Banking Education Week Kindy Assembly (Item K Magma)	10.08.18 Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library. Education Week
4	13.08.18 ICAS Maths - Years 3 to 6	14.08.18 Stage 3 Assembly	15.08.18 Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom) Playgroup 10am (Hall) Stage 3 Assembly	16.08.18 School Banking Wakakirri Stage 1 Assembly (Item 2 Fairystone) ICAS Maths - Year 2	17.08.18 Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.
5	20.08.18 ICAS English - Years 3 to 6	21.08.18	22.08.18 Stage 2 Camp to Broken Bay Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom) Playgroup 10am (Hall)	23.08.18 School Banking Kindy Assembly (Item K Salt)	24.08.18 GALA DAY Stage 2 Camp Returns Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.
6	27.08.18	28.08.18	29.08.18 Parent Café: 9:15am (Staffroom) Playgroup 10am (Hall) Stage 2 assembly	30.08.18 School Banking	31.08.18 Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.
7	3.09.18 Zone Athletics - Track Events	4.09.18 Zone Athletics - Field Events	5.09.18 Fire In The Fields Parent Café: 9:15am Playgroup 10am (Hall) Stage 3 assembly	6.09.18 School Banking	7.09.18 GALA DAY Toddler Time 8:30 - 8:50am in the library.



Dr. Ahe's
CANTEEN

Term 3 Weekly Specials

Week 2 - Beef Taco Pizza Sub \$5.00

Week 3 - Chicken & Sweet Corn Soup \$5.50

Week 4 - Cheese & Vegemite Puff Pastry Scrolls \$4.00

Week 5 - Chicken Drumstick with Fried Rice \$5.50

Week 6 - Sweet Potato & Cauliflower Curry Soup \$5.00

Week 7 - Vegetarian Pasta Bake \$4.50

Week 8 - Chicken & Rice Burritos \$5.00

Week 9 - Spuds with Cheesy Tomato Beef Mince & Shallots \$5.00



Principal's Report

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. We are looking forward to another great term. Kindergarten enjoyed a wonderful excursion to the farm last week. The rest of us enjoyed coming to school in our pyjamas to support our amazing Wakakirri team as they prepare to perform at Wollongong Entertainment Centre.

We welcome new students and their families. This week has been set aside for parent teacher interviews. If you have not made a time with the child's class teacher I encourage you to do so. If you are unable to get to school you can organise a telephone interview.

If anyone saw a small accident on the first day of term that occurred in the car park at the swimming pool please come and see me. It involved a white holden and a grey Nissan.

Tomorrow is our special NAIDOC week assembly. This will be held at 9 am in Area D. Next week is Education Week. Everyone is welcome to visit school on Tuesday to enjoy open classrooms, our Art exhibition in the hall, our bookfair in the Library and students will perform in Area D. Students may come dressed as a book character and K-2 will have a book character parade on Open Day.

Ingleburn Rotary will be supporting our school by holding a barbeque on Open Day. We really appreciate their support.

I would like to thank all families for supporting our school as a nut safe school. By not sending nuts or any food containing nuts our students who suffer allergies or life threatening anaphylaxis are kept safe. It also shows our care for each other.

As you have probably noticed works are in progress to address our ongoing flooding problems. We apologise for any inconvenience but it will be wonderful to get this long term problem fixed. The next stages will mean the dirt driveway will be closed while the work is being done.

I encourage you to return the note and money for your child to participate in an virtual reality incursion. It is sure to be a wonderful learning experience!

Other activities this term include the Stage 2 camp to Broken Bay, our Mini Fete and Kindergarten are going to the National Park for a Teddy Bear's picnic at the end of term.

Kerrie Hayman

Principal

Virtual Reality Incursion

To celebrate NAIDOC week our school will be participating in a Virtual Reality incursion.

Virtual Reality transports you to places you cannot easily visit, each class will be transported to Far North Queensland to explore Indigenous culture.

What is a Virtual Reality (VR) Headset?

A VR is a heads-up display that enables users to experience and interact with simulated environments through a first-person view. It is a device that you wear over your eyes like a pair of googles. It blocks out all external light and shows you an image on high-definition screens in front of your eyes. The goal of VR headset is to immerse you in a completely different environment or game space. We have been able to bring the curriculum to life using virtual reality as students have the opportunity to experience rural Indigenous cultures and dance.

DETAILS

DATE: **Wednesday 8th August – Tuesday 18th September**

COST: **\$8.50 per student**

We hope that all students attend this worthwhile experience!



Education Week Open Day - Tuesday 7th August

All Day:

Book fair in the library

Art display in the hall

9.15am- 10.00am

Open classrooms K-2

Classes as normal 3-6

10.00am- 11.00am

Book Character Parade in Area D (K-2)

Classes as normal 3-6



At 10.45 please send K-2 parents and their children to the BBQ

11.00am- 11.35am

BBQ \$2 sausage sizzle

11.35am- 12.30pm

Open classrooms 3-6

12.30pm-12.40pm

Head to Area D

12.40pm- 1.05pm

Performances (Choir, Pacific Islander Dance Group, Aboriginal Dance Group, Recorder, K-2 Dance Group & 5/6 Crystal) in Area D

1.05pm- 2.00pm

Recess

2.00pm- 2.55pm

Classes as normal

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!



FIND YOUR TREASURE

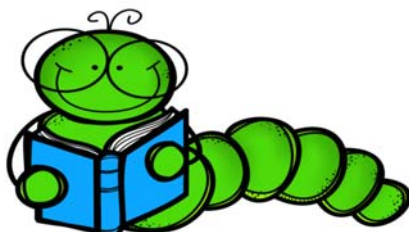
TUESDAY WEEK 3 - 7th August

The Australian Children's Book Week theme for 2018 is 'Find Your Treasure'. What a great way to describe your search for a great book to read! Our annual 'BOOK FAIR' is the library's biggest event of the year. There will be books suitable for everyone from Kindergarten to Year 6 to purchase for home or donate to our school library. Prices for books will start from as little as \$1. We will also have 'Bookworm' lollies for sale and novelty gifts from as little as 50c each.

The library will be open before and after school each day of Education Week to purchase books and all day Open Day (7th August) EFTPOS will be available during Open Day.

Why not join in the fun and dress up as a book character or pirate for Open Day! Come to the library, bring your parents and buy a book. You never know, you might even 'Find Your Treasure'

From the Library Team



**BOOKWORMS FOR
SALE!!!**

From Monday Week 2 our school



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27/7/18

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

One of the children at our school has a medical condition and is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal or tuberculosis. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving special medical attention as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses.

It is very important therefore, that you let our school know immediately if your child develops any of these infections, so that the child at risk receives medical attention at the earliest opportunity.

Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of one of their school mates does depend on your help and cooperation.

This is also a gentle reminder to please keep your child/children at home if they are unwell with illnesses such as flu or gastro, to ensure that all students can attend school, even if they are undergoing medical treatment.

With many thanks.

Regards,

Mrs Sharon Macpherson

Deputy Principal (Rel)

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

On Monday 9th of July my friend Jaida and I went to the Community Celebration Day to celebrate Naidoc Week. Naidoc Week is a time to celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, which is the oldest culture in the world. At the flag raising ceremony at Campbelltown Council I performed three dances with my dance group. After the performances we marched from the council to Bradbury Oval. When I march I feel proud of my culture and think it's important to celebrate this special event. When we got to the oval there were lots of stalls for everyone and even cultural music. My favourite stalls were the art activities and the photo booth. I spent the day with my friends, my family and Mrs Wahapango and Miss Baxter. BECAUSE OF HER WE CAN!



2018 MFPS Pyjama Day

When we came up with the idea of a Pyjama Day, we decided to offer two prizes; one for the 'cutest girl' and one for the 'coolest boy'. Picking two winners was very hard with all of the amazing, funny PJ's.

We took many photos including one of the winners together, they looked so cute in their PJ's.

The 'coolest boy' who won the handball was Omran in 2 Fairystone who was dressed up as a crocodile.

The 'cutest girl' was Aurora in 5 Fossil who dressed up as a cute panda to win the squishy.

We appreciate all the effort everybody has put in for this amazing day!! We raised a lot of money to help with the Wakakirri Performance.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun day!!!!

By Kailey of 6 S and Aya of 5/6 T



The School Writing Competition for 2018 is NOW OPEN!

Calling all Australian school students... prep to grade 12...

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win \$1,000 cash (\$500 for you & \$500 for your school)! As well as one of the AWESOME prizes below.

All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear! We can't wait to read yours!

Entry is FREE! Entries close Friday 31st August, 2018.

There is NO theme

You can write about whatever your heart desires!

* Poems no longer than 16 lines. Stories no more than 500 words.

* Entries must be in by Friday 31st August 2018

Enter online: www.write4fun.net

Email: admin@write4fun.net

Mail to: Po Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211

Fax to: (07) 5574 3644



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Mini Fete request for Show Bag items

Dear Parents and Carers

Show Bags will be sold again at Mini Fete on Thursday, 20th September, 2018.

To help keep costs down, we are asking families to assist by donating items for the bags. Do you have a connection to a local business that could add 'advertising items' such as pens, post its, rulers etc. Or are you able to help donating other items such as, packets of lolly pops, packets of assorted snack size chips, balloons, stationary etc.

Please ensure that anything that you do send has absolutely no traces of nuts.

If you are able to help by donating, please send items to Mrs Ward's classroom (4 Wardite) or bring them to the school office.

Every little bit helps, so thank you for your ongoing support.

Joanne Witt

Class Teacher

Spotlight on GALA Day Junior Rugby League

Last week I spoke with members of the Junior Rugby League team to see what it is like to be in the team at Macquarie Fields Public School.

Why did you join the team?

My dad or members of my family play Rugby League, my friends convinced me to join, I wanted to challenge myself, and it looked like fun. It's the only sport you get to carry the ball and tackle, it keeps you fit, teaches you to communicate and is a really great, fun sport to play. It was my dream to play Rugby League!

What does your coach Mr Angus teach you?

Mr Angus teaches us good drills like passing and kicking, how to do drop kicks and kick to the post, the basic rules and how to attack and defend, as well as tackling. He teaches us safely and slowly how to tackle correctly, he partners us up with a student who is a similar size to us and helps us practice how to grab around the legs and land safely. He teaches us how to run the ball and do tricky moves.

How has your team been going so far this year?

We are divided into A team and B team. The A team has won almost all of their matches and the B team are really improving and have won about half their matches.

Would you recommend for other kids to join Junior Rugby League in 2019?

Rugby League is challenging, safe and so much fun. It makes you tough and keeps you active. It is the perfect sport for anyone trying to challenge themselves. I thought tackling would be scary, but now that I have played it I would recommend it for other girls and boys. It's worth it, give it a try!

Many thanks to Damien, Dominic, Jovesa, Malachi, Jaxson, Shakeel, Louay, Joya, Taylor, Zara, Leon, Gabi, Cailin, Yasser, Luke, Griwan, Rishan, Ashlin, Fraser, Hosea, Imunique, Soane, Ishraq and AJ for your shared thoughts and contributions to this article.



Kindergarten had a wonderful time at Calmsley Hill City Farm last week. This is a photo of K Salt at the farm.

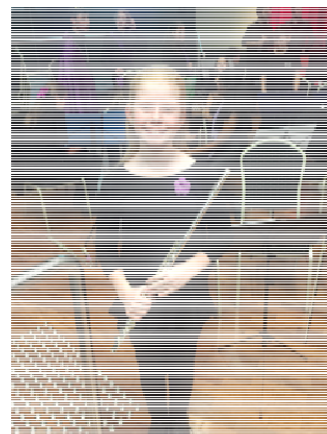
Well Done!

Last Thursday Rose (6 Gems) represented our school playing the flute in the Arts Unit Cross Network Band at their two yearly concerts. The Arts Unit Cross Network Concert is an initiative that provides extra opportunities for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 in the area of Creative and Performing Arts. Students attend regular rehearsals and it is a great opportunity to meet with kids from other schools. The Cross Network initiative showcases the skills of students in music, dance, drama and film.



Great Job Orie from 2 Corundum!

Orie produced a wonderful in class project on the life cycle of a meal worm that the class had been learning about in Science throughout Term 2.



HELP US BE A NUT SAFE SCHOOL

ANAPHYLAXIS

Everyone probably knows someone that is allergic to something that makes them sneeze, cough or maybe vomit. Some kids get swollen lips or eyes.

These are the lucky ones!!!

ANAPHYLAXIS IS AN EXTREMELY SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION WHICH CAN BE FATAL. With swelling the airways block and the sufferer can STOP BREATHING.

The **RED COLOURED** hats around the School are the kids with ANAPHYLAXIS, so they can be easily identified case of an emergency. We have 10 CHILDREN at our school with anaphylaxis.

Some of these kids wear a "bum bag" around their waist which carries their EPIPENS.

An EPIPEN is used to deliver an emergency shot of adrenaline in case of an ANAPHYLACTIC reaction to try to save a life.

Some kids with Anaphylaxis only need to come into contact with an allergen to have a reaction, they don't always have to "EAT" it

WE NEED YOU TO.....

PLEASE TAKE CARE PACKING SCHOOL LUNCH BOXES - CHECK INGREDIENTS (Food labelling has Allergen Advise)

PLEASE IF YOU SEND BIRTHDAY CAKE - CHECK INGREDIENTS

PLEASE DON'T BRING LOLLY BAGS TO SCHOOL

PLEASE IF YOU EAT NUTS, HAVE THEM AT HOME

PLEASE DON'T GAMBLE WITH CHILDREN'S LIVES

PLEASE DON'T BRING NUTS TO SCHOOL

What are QR Codes?



QR (Quick Response) Codes are used to take information from a technology device and place it on your mobile phone.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Download and install a free QR Code Reader for your phone in the Apple Store (iPhone) Play Store (Android).
2. Open the QR Code reader App. you just downloaded.
3. Scan the student's QR Code and you will see their character description.

You may find QR Codes around the school or in the Newsletter in future so stay tuned!



**CAMPBELLTOWN JUNIOR OZTAG
2018 SUMMER REGISTRATION**

VICTORIA PARK, MINTO played THURSDAYS

Registration is being held:

Thursday 16th August 2018 4.30 – 7.00
at Victoria Park, Minto

Comp kicks off Thursday 30th August 2018

Registration \$70 per player

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