



# Macquarie Fields Public School Newsletter

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## Dawn Service for ANZAC DAY 2019

Thank you to our school leaders, Destiny Baker, Breannah Kamuta, Adam Obeido, Shlok Doiphode, Aaliyah Milford and William Pollard for proudly representing Macquarie Fields Public School at the recent Anzac Dawn Service at the Ingleburn RSL. They were accompanied by Mr Angus, Ms Kessey and Mrs Jahshan.

Lest we forget the many men and women who have served in our Army, Navy or Air force to protect our country and the many serving today.



MFPS Students with Mrs Jahshan and local member for Macquarie Fields - Anoulack Chanthivong

## Thank You

A very big thank you to the Stage 2 parents who helped to cover our brand new readers. Your help is very much appreciated.

Kylie Jarman  
Assistant Principal



## 2019 Term 2 - Week 2

### Upcoming Activities

#### Week 2

**Wednesday, 8th May**  
Mother's Day Stall

**Thursday, 9th May**  
Cross Country

**Friday, 10th May**  
Kindergarten Mother's Day Event

#### Week 3

**Tuesday, 14th May**  
NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing

**Wednesday, 15th May**  
NAPLAN - Reading

OC Info Session for Parents - 9am and 3pm

**Thursday, 16th May**  
NAPLAN - Numeracy

**Friday, 17th May**  
NAPLAN - Catch Up

#### Every Wednesday

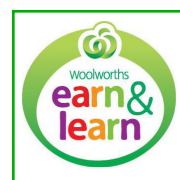
Parent Café 9:15 am in the Staffroom

Playgroup 10am in the Hall

#### Uniform Shop Opening Times

Every Tuesday morning 8:30am to 9:30am

Every Tuesday afternoon 2:15pm to 3:15pm



# What's On In Term Two?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	6.05.19	7.05.19 Silly Scientist Incursion  Stage 2 Performing Arts Program in Hall	8.05.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Mothers Day Stall	9.05.19 Cross Country  Stage 3 Assembly - 2pm	10.05.19 Kindergarten Mother's Day Event
3	13.05.19 Stage 3 Performing Arts Program in Hall	14.05.19 <b>NAPLAN</b> - Language and Writing  Stage 2 Assembly - 2pm	15.05.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am Playgroup 10am (Hall)  OC Information Session 9am and 3pm  <b>NAPLAN</b> - Reading	16.05.19 <b>NAPLAN</b> - Numeracy  Debating Training	17.05.19 <b>NAPLAN</b> - Catch Up
4	20.05.19	21.05.19 Stage 2 Performing Arts Program in Hall	22.05.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am (Biggest Morning Tea)  Playgroup 10am (Hall)	23.05.19 Zone Cross Country  Debating Training	24.05.19
5	27.05.19	28.05.19 Stage 3 Performing Arts Program in Hall	29.05.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am (Working Bee)  Playgroup 10am (Hall)  <b>Athletics Carnival - Years 3 to 6</b>	30.05.19 Debating Training  Stage 3 Assembly - 2pm	31.05.19 <b>GALA DAY</b>
6	3.06.19	4.06.19 Stage 2 Performing Arts Program in Hall	5.06.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am (Celebrating Eid)  Playgroup 10am (Hall)	6.06.19 Debating Training	7.06.19
7	10.06.19 <b>Queens Birthday Public Holiday</b>	11.06.19 Stage 3 Performing Arts Program in Hall	12.06.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am (Visitng K-2 Classes)  Playgroup 10am (Hall)	13.06.19 Debating Training  SSW Cross Country	14.06.19 <b>GALA DAY</b>
8	17.06.19	18.06.19 Stage 2 Performing Arts Program in Hall	19.06.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am (Visiting 3-6 Classes)  Playgroup 10am (Hall)	20.06.19 Debating Training  Stage 3 Assembly - 2pm	21.06.19
9	24.06.19	25.06.19 Movie Fundraiser at Dumeresq Street  Stage 3 Performing Arts Program in Hall  Stage 2 Assembly - 2pm	26.06.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am (Working Bee)  Playgroup 10am (Hall)	27.06.19 Debating Training	28.06.19 <b>Back Up GALA Day</b>
10	1.07.19	2.07.19 Parent Information Night Kindergarten 2020  Stage 3 Performing Arts Program in Hall	3.07.19 Parent Cafe 9:15am Playgroup 10am (Hall)	4.07.19 Debating Training	5.07.19 <b>Last Day of Term 2</b>

### ***Principal's Report***

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you and your children had a relaxing holiday after a very busy first term at Macquarie Fields PS. Mrs Meredith and I would like to thank everyone for a settled start back as we await the process to be completed to determine a new relieving Principal for our school.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests next week. These tests assess the students' learning in Literacy and Numeracy. Please just reassure your child that all we want is for them to do their best. Please do not put pressure on your child, as they do not do as well if they are anxious. Make sure they go to bed early before the tests and that they eat a good, healthy breakfast.

#### **Reminders-**

- Please label your child's belongings especially hats and jumpers.
- You must make sure your child does not arrive at school before 8.30am and all children **MUST** be picked up by 3.00pm.
- Students must wait to be picked up at the silver seats, (and not in the gym carpark or at the front fence).
- If you have changed details such as an address or new phone number you must let the office know so these details can be updated on our computer system.
- Did you return the white information card?

Many thanks to our parent volunteers from Parent Café, especially Chrissy, as they have organised a K-6 Mother's Day stall for all classes to visit this Wednesday. Prices will be from \$3 to \$7 per gift.

Please assist us by packing a reusable bag for your child to transport the gift home in. Additional gifts will be available for purchase outside the canteen on Thursday and Friday morning.

I hope all the mothers enjoy their special day on Sunday!

***Karen Sellick***  
***Relieving Principal***

### **Opportunity Class (OC) Parent Information Session**

Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend an Opportunity Class (OC) Information Session on Wednesday 15th May (Week 3). Please be aware that OC applications close on the 17th of May, so come along and ask any questions you may have.

The information session will be during Parent Café at 9am in the staffroom.

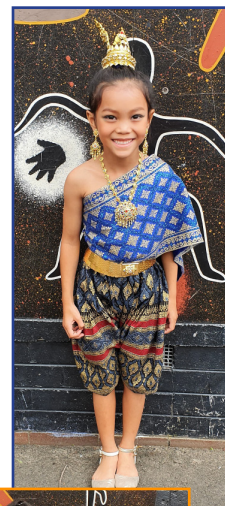
There will be another information session at 3pm in 4 Orana classroom.

Mrs Oram will be presenting information regarding the OC placement test for current Year 4 students, who will be in Year 5 in 2020.

**Uniform Shop** - Due to the work that has commenced to fix the verandah the Uniform Shop will be closed for a short time. If you need to purchase uniforms, please come to the office to order and pay. We will fill the orders as soon as we can when we have access to the Uniform Shop. Thank you for your patience and we know that the new verandah will be great.



# Harmony Day - Tuesday, 2nd May 2019





## Writing from 2 Tharawal

### Diary Entry letters in response to the book *'The Rabbits'* by John Marsden and illustrated by Shaun Tan

#### ***The Rabbits by Sienna,***

Dear Diary,

I woke up feeling gloomy, glum, dreary, low and worried. The rabbits are very evil, superior, frightened and dangerous. The rabbits were wearing white and black suits. They invaded our considerate, pleasant, lush land. My tears were a murky, malnourished waterfall. I was inferior, like an anxious, afraid ant. BOOM! CRASH! The rabbits were a bomb. My precious, hurtful heart was screaming for help because the rabbits came and threatened us unfairly. The lushous, green, precious and beautiful land was crying out for help because the rabbits were destroying our delightful land. I was screaming like a screaming dog.

"I wonder who will save us? How can we remove the rabbits? Who will save our poor, precious children?"

From the poor, innocent and miserable numbat

#### ***The Stolen Generation by Lawrence***

Dear Diary,

Once I landed on a familiar planet. All I saw was bunch of nervous numbats. So, we decided to take over the land.

At first, some of the numbats were killed or wounded and died.

Later, we cut down trees and built a fence to stop more numbats. We made some kind of experiment and we almost destroyed the land. We were a working machine. We were more superior than the numbats.

BOOM! It was like a plane crash. KAPOW! The battle was all done.

What will happen next?

From the superior rabbit.

#### ***The Rabbits by Natasha***

I woke extremely frightened, dreary and petrified because the evil, strong, superior rabbits invaded our beautiful, green, lush land. They even took over our culture. And they even snatched our cute children and they also abused them. They were treated like slaves, like someone had bought some animals. BOOM! We lost the fight and ended in hardship.

I felt inferior, malnourished and fearful. My precious, innocent, kind and poor heart is screaming and crying hard for help like an endangered animal. The rabbits were spooky monsters. The evil, monstrous rabbits won the terrifying fight.

Now, when we can wear warm clothes, drink brilliant milk and make fantastic food? Will the Aboriginal kids be saved?

#### ***The Rabbits by Mahnoor***

Dear Diary,

I woke up to a terrible, miserable day. I was anxious, worried, petrified and guess what happened... EVIL

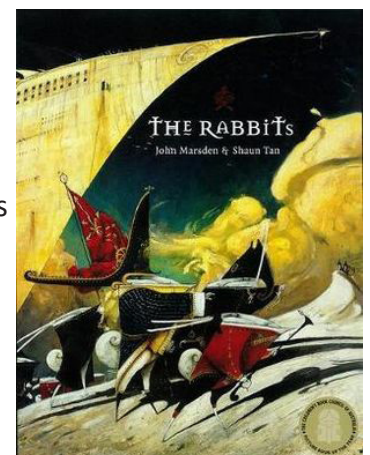
RABBITS!!! They were monstrous, cruel rabbits and wore ... crrreeepy black coats, as black as a bat, or white coats, as white as an albino mouse. The

evil, selfish rabbits invaded our poor, precious, lush land. They took our poor, precious, malnourished, loving, caring kids!

BOOM! CRASH! We lost the vicious, fearful, battle. It was because of the the rabbits, with their vicious, angry bombs and their guns. The sky turned black as a bat at midnight.

Who will save us from these evil, selfish rabbits?

From the innocent numbat.



## Cross Country Carnival Year 3 to Year 6

Cross Country will be held on Thursday, 9th of May at Monarch Oval. Parents are welcome to come and watch the kids running. Please make sure that all students are wearing their school hat, sunscreen, appropriate sports shoes and sports uniform.

### **Juniors**

9:20am - 8 & 9 years girls  
9:40am - 8 & 9 years boys  
10:00am - 10 years girls  
10:20am - 10 years boys

### **Seniors**

10:40am - 11 years girls  
11:00am - Lunch Break  
11:40am - 11 years boys  
12:00pm - 12 & 13 years girls  
12:20pm - 12 & 13 years boys



## **Opportunity Class (OC) Applications**

Applications for Opportunity Classes for Year 5 2020 are closing soon. You must apply online at:

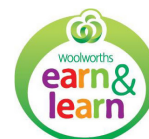
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/application-process>

Follow the links at this website to access the online application. The application website closes on Friday, 17th of May 2019 and late applications will not be accepted.

The OC Placement Test will be held on Wednesday, 31st of July 2019 at designated test centres.

## **Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' Is Back**

Macquarie Fields P.S will participating again this year in Woolworths 'Earn & Learn' program. Our school has received many great resources over several years through this great program.



Until **June 25th 2019**, collect as many stickers as you can by shopping at Woolworths - you will earn a sticker for every \$10 spent in one transaction.

Stick your stickers onto sticker sheets that you can pick up at Woolworths or the front office and then put them in the collection boxes at school. You can also print your own sticker sheet from the following website:

<https://cdn0.woolworths.media/content/content/earn-and-learn-sticker-sheet.pdf>

Stickers not on sticker sheets can also be dropped into the 'Earn & Learn' collection boxes at school and at Glenquarie Woolworths.

By collecting stickers our school will have access to a huge range of new equipment.

MFPS will be able to choose what we need across many categories including ICT, Science, Sports, Mathematics, Arts and more.





## Yarn Up Public Speaking Workshops

In Term 1, MFPS Stage 3 Aboriginal students participated in some great Yarn Up public speaking workshops. The students all learnt a lot of skills and had a great time.



## EASTER HAT PARADE FUN!








**BIG BEAR**  
**ACADEMY**

**OPENING  
SOON!**

**About Us**  
Brand new service in the heart of Macquarie Fields, catering for ages 2-6 years.  
Contact us for more information about the high quality service we provide for children.

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Big Bear Academy is a modern, purpose-built centre located in the heart of Macquarie Fields caring for children ages 2 to 6 years old. With over 20 years of teaching experience, our educators offer a school readiness program and personalised care.

We provide 5 nutritious meals cooked daily on site in our commercial kitchen as well as supplying a warm and nurturing environment for children of all different backgrounds.

