



Macquarie Fields Public School Newsletter

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Fire In The Fields

Macquarie Fields PS students participated in Fire in the Fields on Wednesday, 28th August with students from both primary schools and high schools in the Fields Zone. Fire in the Fields is a night for students to showcase their performing arts work for the community.

The groups performing from Macquarie Fields PS were the Pacific Islander Dance Group and the Bollywood Dance Group. Well done to our students who participated in these groups.



2019 Term 3 - Week 10

Upcoming Activities

Term 4 Week 1

Monday, 14th October
Students Return to School

Uniform Shop Opening Times

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

Every Tuesday afternoon
2:30pm to 3:15pm

*Please Note: there is no
EFTPOS after 2pm in both the
Uniform Shop and the Office*

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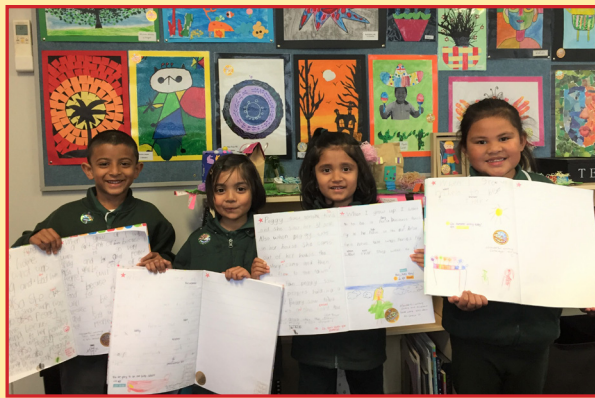
What's On In Term Four?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	14.10.19 Students Return to School	15.10.19	16.10.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall)	17.10.19	18.10.19
2	21.10.19	22.10.19 Stage 3 Assembly 2pm	23.10.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am (Diwali Celebration)</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall) Kindergarten Assembly 2pm	24.10.19	25.10.19 Diwali Celebration
3	28.10.19	29.10.19 Grandparents Day Stage 2 Assembly 2pm	30.10.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall) Stage 1 Assembly 2pm	31.10.19	1.11.19 GALA DAY
4	4.11.19	5.11.19	6.11.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall) Kindergarten Assembly 2pm	7.11.19 Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 1	8.11.19
5	11.11.19 Remembrance Day	12.11.19 Stage 3 Assembly 2pm	13.11.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall) Weet Bix Triathlon Assembly Year 2 to Year 6 Stage 1 Assembly 2pm	14.11.19 Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 2	15.11.19 GALA DAY
6	18.11.19	19.11.19	20.11.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall) Kindergarten Assembly 2pm	21.11.19 Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 3	22.11.19
7	25.11.19	26.11.19	27.11.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall)	28.11.19	29.11.19 Showcase 2019
8	2.12.19 Year 3 to Year 6 Presentation Day at MFHS	3.11.19 Kindergarten to Year 2 Presentation Day	4.11.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall)	5.11.19	6.11.19
9	9.12.19 Year 6 Farewell	10.12.19	11.12.19 <i>Parent Cafe 9:15am</i> Playgroup 10am (Hall) Party Day	12.12.19 Carols by Candlelight	13.12.19
10	16.12.19	17.12.19	18.12.19 Year 6 Party Day and Farewell Assembly Last Day For Students	19.12.19	20.12.19

Principal's Report

Our fabulous students!

It has been another great two weeks of learning at Macquarie Fields Public School. I have had the privilege of seeing many students over the fortnight who have been sharing their great work in writing and talking about their learning. I also had the very difficult job of 'judge' at the presentation of the Kindergarten speeches! It is wonderful to hear how excited the students are about what they do at school and fabulous to see the great lessons happening in classrooms and beyond. Please enjoy the photos of Cataleya, Arissa, Swara and Talin from K Myndie; Laasya, Sioban and Samara from 3 Lutana and the winners of the Kindergarten Public Speaking.



I would also like to recognise 6 Currawong for making a positive contribution to our school community and their fellow students and families. Everyone in their class has shown compassion, generosity and kindness by donating just a small amount from their 'The Shop' earnings to others for use at the Mini Fete. As we all know, if we can help others whenever we can, even in the smallest of ways, that together this can make a big difference. Thank you 6 Currawong!



Classes for 2020

During Term 4, teachers will begin the process of planning class formations for 2020. Our teachers spend considerable time ensuring that classes are effective learning groups, based on a student's academic and wellbeing needs. If you would like to offer any information for the staff to be aware of, please phone the office to make an appointment with Mrs Sellick (for students moving into Year 1, 2 and 3) or Mrs Meredith (for students moving into Year 4, 5 or 6). Consideration of social, emotional or academic factors from parents will support the knowledge that teachers have of each student. Our main aim is for your child to have a smooth transition into a productive year of learning in 2020.

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Principal's Report Continued

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

At Macquarie Fields Public School, we understand the importance of supporting children and their families in the transition to Kindergarten. If your child will be attending Kindergarten at Macquarie Fields in 2020 and is currently under the care of a paediatrician, child psychiatrist or the Child Assessment Team at Campbelltown Hospital, please contact the school to discuss the options for additional support that your child might be eligible for. Please call the school on 9605 1024 and ask to speak to the Principal, School Counsellor or Kindergarten supervisor. We look forward to welcoming all of our Kindergarten students to our school in 2020.

Enrolment Information

In line with the new Department of Education policy, our new school enrolment policy will begin in Term 4. If community members would like a copy, please email our school at macfields-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and you will be sent a copy or alternatively a note has been sent home with this newsletter. You can also visit this link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/changes-to-the-enrolment-policy-for-parents.pdf>

Tell Them From Me Survey

Our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* surveys. We would greatly appreciate your feedback about our school. This information forms part of the decision making processes of the school and we use this data to inform future directions. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys. Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents from their responses. Please complete the survey online by Friday 25 October at the latest. Thank you for helping us work towards the best outcome for MFPS!

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/macfields4064>

Dangerous driving and parking issues

There have been many complaints and concerns raised regarding parents dropping students off in the drop off area outside of the school, including double parking, pulling out in front of other vehicles and inappropriate interactions between drivers such as using the car horn. This is a great concern and we please ask you to refrain from these actions as it places your child, other children and drivers in danger. We request that all drivers remember to slow down and halt before the stop line when a pedestrian or the School Crossing Supervisor is on the crossing or waiting to cross. Please remain stopped until all pedestrians leave the crossing. Thank you for your cooperation.

NAPLAN results

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 was conducted in Term Two. If you have a child in Years 3 or 5, you should have received your child's NAPLAN results on Friday 20 September. If you did not receive them or you would like to discuss your child's results, please contact Mrs Jarman (for Year 3 students) or Mrs Egan (for Year 5 students). For your information, the NAPLAN has a website that includes some really useful information. For your reference the website address is www.naplan.edu.au

Have a wonderful holiday! See you all next term.

Ms Vicki Craze
R/Principal

Stage 3 Canberra/ Snow Camp

On Wednesday the 11th of September Stage 3 woke up super early to arrive at school by 5:30 am. We sat in the hall to get our names marked off the roll, and started to board the three coaches. As we got onto the buses we waved goodbye to our parents and drove off to Canberra for our three day adventure!

It was about a three hour drive, we had a rest stop for 20 minutes at a roadside café where we had some snacks and toilet break. On the way to Canberra, some people were talking, sleeping, singing, playing cards or watching movies.

We arrived at Canberra and our first stop was the Rose Gardens. We had a stretch and a run around. Our first official stop was Old Parliament House. We were fortunate enough to do a role play in the old Senate and use some interactive activities to learn about all of Australia's Prime Ministers.

Two hours later we arrived at the new Parliament House which was opened in 1988. We went to the House of Representatives and Senate where we saw the Prime Minister, and other MPs and Senators sitting in Question Time.

A few hours later we arrived at our accommodation at Cooba Sport and Education centre which was to be our home for the next two nights. We had a yummy dinner and dessert in the dining room before settling into our cabins for the night.

After breakfast on day 2, we got on the bus and drove to a store and hired our snow gear for later that day. Our first destination was Kosciuszko Education Centre. There we learnt about native animals in Australia, we participated in various activities and then our last activity was an exciting gameshow. After lunch we put on our snow gear and then headed off to the snow. When we arrived we went onto the chairlifts to the top of the mountain when we all got up there we had fun with the snow. We all threw lots of snowballs at the teachers, building snowmen and sliding down the hills.

After an exciting and tiring day, we arrived back at our cabins for some free time before dinner. After dinner, the teachers organised for us to have a disco. We had lots of fun with our friends and had lots of fun dancing and singing.

Our last day at camp had us travelling back to Canberra from the Snowy Mountains. Our first destination was Questacon. We played with interactive games, learnt about earthquakes, volcanos, and discovered lots more new things about science and technology. Our final destination was the Australian War Memorial, it was a very reflective and respectful place to visit. We learnt about significant people who served in the wars and how much they sacrificed for us to be living in Australia today. We saw vehicles and aeroplanes that the men and women have used and we watched a clip of how the men and women fought in different wars.

We would all like to thank all the teachers for the fun experience that we had. We will remember this camp for ever!

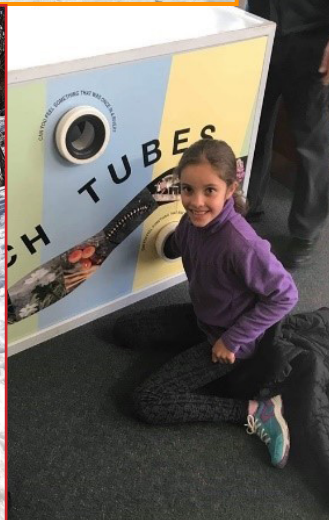
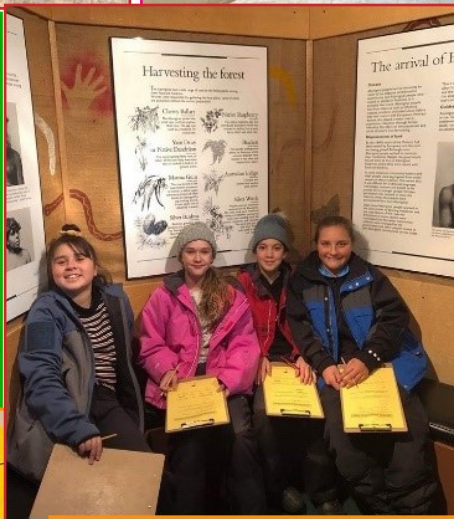
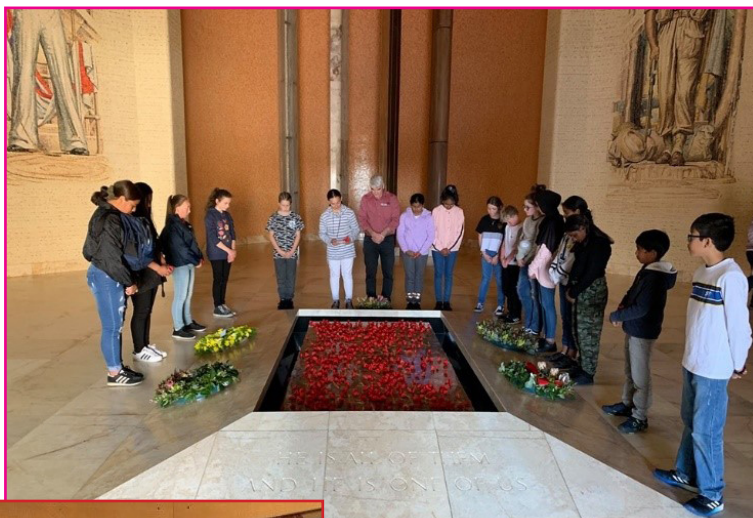
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Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

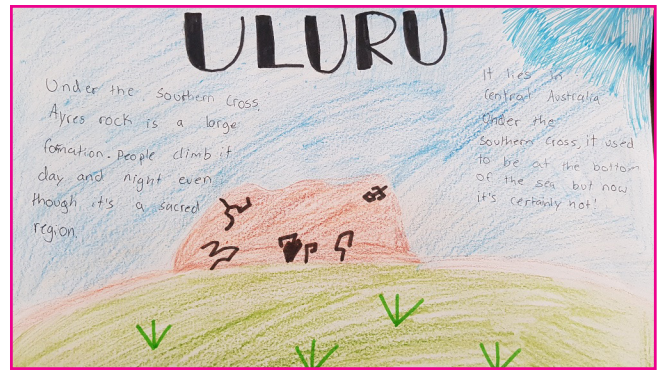
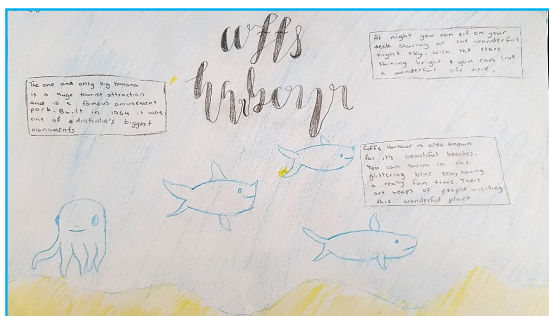
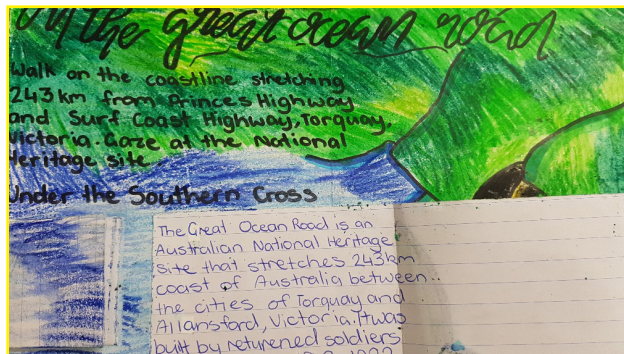
Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. The Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Macquarie Fields PS took the \$20 off the cost of the camp to assist families and ensure as many students as possible could attend.

Stage 3 Camp Photos

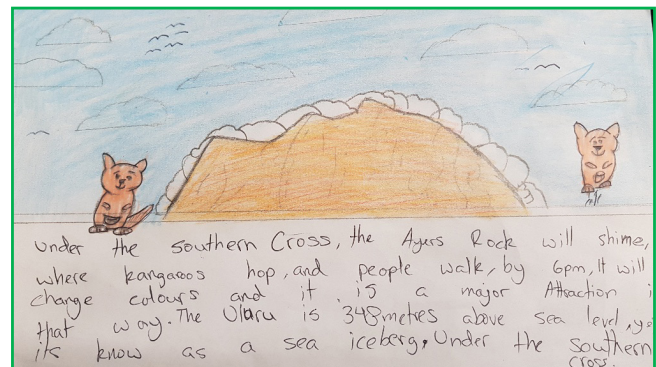


Under the Southern Cross

5 Gamarada explored the different places across Australia including why they are important to Australians, the animals who live there and the world in 'Under the Southern Cross' by Frane Lessac.

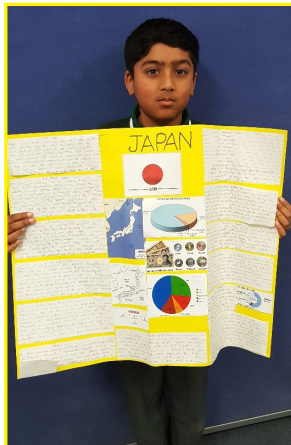


Students then researched a chosen place in Australia not mentioned in the text to create their very own page.



Diversity Across Asia - Country Project

5 Gamarada presented a informative text of a chosen Asian country. Some included: PowerPoint presentations, posters and dioramas. All students presented their projects with a detailed speech. During the speeches we felt like we were in Asia and have learnt many things about each country.



Grandparents Day 2019

Students and Staff at Macquarie Fields Public School are inviting you to come and experience some learning, view some entertainment and enjoy a morning with us. Grandparents Day will be held on **Tuesday 29th October, 2019.**

9:30am - 10:30am Concert in the school hall.

10:30am - 11:30am Morning Tea Break - Enjoy a drink and a light morning tea outside the school hall, provided by the staff at MFPS.

11:30 - 12:30 Classroom visits - Visit your Grandchild's classroom and participate in fun activities.

The children and staff of MFPS look forward to celebrating this spectacular day with you!

♥ HAPPY ♥
Grandparents
♥ Day ♥

"PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD & OTHER GREAT PRIZES!"

An exciting national photography competition is providing primary and high school students the opportunity to express themselves creatively through the exciting medium of photography. Endorsed by NSW Health and Healthy Kids Association, the competition invites students to submit photos that express their interpretation of the theme "Healthy Life, Healthy You". There are heaps of prizes on offer, as well as the chance to feature in a photo exhibition. Each winning entrant in the Primary School Category will also win a healthy school canteen prize for the school. So grab your cameras and start shooting! You can find out more about the competition, the entry requirements and prizes on offer at: yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au. Entries close on 13th October 2019. There is also a special prize category sponsored by Healthy Kids Association that encourages children to take a photo that best captures the idea of eating the rainbow. Winners of this special category will take home their very own iPad!"



Your Health Link Photographic Competition

Competition Theme
HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

NOW OPEN
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

Categories and Awards

- Primary and High School
- Eating the Rainbow
- Mobile
- Open
- People's Choice
- Program Cover Award

Competition closes 13 October 2019

yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

[Click here](#)



NSW CHILDREN'S WEEK 2019

creative story competition

18 and under living in NSW **entries close Sunday 6 October 2019** **chance to win a \$200 gift card**

Do you enjoy writing and telling stories? This is your opportunity to write a creative story about an issue that is important to you and to other children and young people in 2019.

The Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People is inviting entries for the NSW Children's Week 2019 Creative Story Competition. The competition is open to all children and young people up to the age of 18 living in NSW.

Three winners (one winner for each age group: 0-5, 6-11, 12-18) will receive an award and a \$200 gift card at a special Children's Week event.

The winning stories will be decided by famous author and Children's Laureate Morris Gleitzman, together with the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People, the NSW Youth Advisory Council and the NSW Children's Week Committee. Entries close Sunday 6 October 2019.

How to enter:

1. Use your imagination
2. Write a creative story (200 to 500 words) about an issue that is important to you and to other children and young people in 2019
3. Type your story in the online entry form via the link below

author and Children's Laureate

For more information and to enter visit:
www.acyp.nsw.gov.au
Go directly to the entry page via: bit.ly/CW19CS

Winners of the Stage Finals Public Speaking Competition

ES1 - Taheeya

"Good habits brushing your teeth"

S1 - Avni

"Saving the Earth"

S2 - Ada

"Mine Craft"

S3 - Albert

"Deforestation"

These students will now represent our school at the St Andrews Network Public Speaking Competition on 25th September

