



# Macquarie Fields Public School Newsletter

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## Festival of Instrumental Music

On Monday the 29th July, 7 recorder players from Macquarie Fields were given the chance to perform in the Sydney Opera House as a part of the Festival of Instrumental Music. All students performed amazingly and had a wonderful time learning and playing their music. Congratulations



## 2019 Term 3 - Week 4

### Upcoming Activities

#### Week 4

**Tuesday, 13th August**

Bike Education Excursion  
1 Gynea and 2 Tharawal

**Wednesday, 14th August**

Bike Education Excursion  
1 Dreamtime and 2 Jenolan

**Friday, 16th August**

K - 2 Athletics Carnival

#### Week 5

**Tuesday, 20th August**

Bike Education Excursion  
1 Karrobean and 2 Serpent

**Wednesday, 21st August**

Bike Education Excursion  
1 Curlah and 2 Coe-ee

**Friday, 23rd August**

PSSA GALA Day

### Uniform Shop Opening Times

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

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

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

## Save The Date - Mini Fête

Macquarie Fields PS are having their annual Mini Fête on Wednesday, 25th September. We appreciate the support from students and their families that help make the Mini Fête a great day!



# What's On In Term Three?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	12.08.19	13.08.19 Bike Education Excursion 1 Gynea & 2 Tharawal	14.08.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Bike Education Excursion 1 Dreamtime & 2 Jenolan  Kindergarten Assembly 2pm	15.08.19 Debating Training	16.08.19 K - 2 Athletics Carnival
5	19.08.19	20.08.19 Bike Education Excursion 1 Karrobean & 2 Serpent	21.08.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Bike Education Excursion 1 Curlah & 2 Coe-ee  Stage 1 Assembly 2pm	22.08.19 Debating Training  Stage 3 Assembly 2pm	23.08.19 <b>PSSA GALA DAY</b>
6	26.08.19	27.08.19 Stage 2 Assembly 2pm Item - 3 Lutana	28.08.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Bike Education Excursion K/1 Kuranya (Year 1 Only) & 2 Elanora  <b>Father's Day Stall</b>  After School Disco - Kindergarten 3:30 - 4:30pm Stage 3 5:00 - 6:30pm	29.08.18 Debating Training  Kindergarten Assembly 2pm  Hands on High School - Stage 3  Father's Day Stall before school  After School Disco - Stage 1 3:30 - 4:30pm Stage 2 5:00 - 6:00pm	30.08.19 Father's Day Stall before school
7	2.09.19 Zone Athletics	3.09.19 Zone Athletics  Stage 2 Maritime Museum Excursion  ICAS Digital Technologies 3:15-4:15pm	4.09.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Stage 2 Maritime Museum Excursion  Stage 1 Assembly 2pm	5.09.19 Debating Training  Stage 2 Maritime Museum Excursion  ICAS Science 3:15-4:15pm	6.09.19 <b>PSSA GALA DAY</b>
8	9.09.19	10.09.19 ICAS Writing Test 3:15-4:15pm  Stage 3 Assembly 2pm	11.09.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  <b>Stage 3 to Camp</b>  Kindergarten Assembly 2pm	12.09.19 Debating Training  <b>Stage 3 at Camp</b>  ICAS Spelling Test 3:15-4:15pm	13.09.19 <b>Stage 3 at Camp</b>  SSW Athletics (Regional)
9	16.09.19	17.09.19 School Group Photos  ICAS English Test 3:15-4:15pm  Stage 2 Assembly 2pm	18.09.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Stage 1 Assembly 2pm	19.09.19 Debating Training  ICAS Maths Test 3:15-4:15pm	20.09.19
10	23.09.19	24.09.19 Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic	25.09.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  <b>Mini Fete</b>	26.09.19 Debating Training Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic  Year 6 to MFHS Celebration Day	27.09.19 <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>



## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Education Week – 'Every Student, Every Voice' Open Day a great success!

Last Wednesday 7 August, Macquarie Fields Public School welcomed the school community to share in the learning of their child/ren and the school. This special day was just a glimpse of what we do here every day and every week at Macquarie Fields Public School. I would like to thank all of the parents and friends who joined us for part or all of Open Day. We were thrilled to see so many attendees at our assembly and the K – 2 Book Week Parade. There was a real sense of fun and joy as the students (and teachers!) paraded their costumes. I particularly enjoyed the dancing at the end! The staff and myself were very pleased, and the children were excited, to have their family visit and take part in their learning. Thank you again to the whole staff for their hard work and commitment to the school, its students and their families. In particular, thank you to Mrs Jarman for coordinating the beautiful display of the children's artworks in the hall. Please enjoy the photos following, capturing the joy of children sharing their learning.



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## ***Principal's Report - Continued***

### **Wakakirri – “Arts Education at its very best”**

Congratulations to our Wakakirri performance group, made up of 86 students, for their sensational theatrical story that they shared last Friday evening at the Win Entertainment Centre. I was so impressed with the story Macquarie Fields shared, called ‘My Island Home’, which incorporated some of the cultures of our school community combined with dance, acting, music, sets, props and costumes. It was so moving and I am very proud to lead a school that embraces these opportunities so fully. It brought a tear to my eye! The students and their teachers have been practising for most of the year and have dedicated many hours to the performance giving everyone involved an experience they will never forget. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially the stars of the show – our students! A special thanks to Miss Thorn as the creative lead of the group and Mrs Ward as lead administration. Thank you also to Miss Baxter, Miss Gouhar, Mrs H Smith, Miss Fox, Ms Hepplewhite, Miss Deliseo and Ms Laine-Barclay for their support during preparations and on the night – our students are the beneficiaries. Congratulations again!



### **Kindergarten enrolments for 2020**

Macquarie Fields PS is currently accepting student enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. This is in preparation for the orientation program to be held early in November. If you have a child who is turning five by 31 July 2020, they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten next year. Enrolment packages are available from the office. If you are aware of a family friend or neighbour who is new to the area or who does not currently have children at our school, and has a child eligible for enrolment in Kindergarten next year, please ask them to telephone the school or come up to the office to give their details.

### **Changes to student information**

If there are any changes to your child's circumstances e.g. phone numbers, emergency contacts, access, custody etc. that you think the school should be made aware of, please fill out an official form collected from the school office so details can be updated on our computer system and filed in your child's pupil record card. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

**Ms Vicki Craze**  
***Relieving Principal***

## Learning Outside the Classroom

### Return of permission note and money for excursions

There are a number of excursions and extra activities planned for this term. These are valuable experiences for students as they enhance and support classroom programs. As part of school procedures, each excursion or special activity note has a due date for return to school. This procedure is to ensure the smooth organisation of the event including student attendance, transport, finance and health and safety risk assessment. These due dates must be enforced. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late notes / payments. Any concerns regarding the due date of activities should be discussed with your child's class teacher, the Assistant or Deputy Principals or myself, prior to the last day for permission / payment. With prior notice, special arrangements can be made. Please note, student assistance is also available for excursions and special activities. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

### Jumping Castle and Games 2 U Wristbands

Have you ordered your Jumping Castle/Gladiator Castle and Games 2 U Wristbands?

A reminder to students that orders for Jumping Castle and Games 2 U Wristbands are being taken now. Pre-purchase your wristband for one adventure or both. Fill in the order form and put it in the silver box with your money or pay by EFTPOS in the office.

Wristbands can be purchased on the day of Mini Fete but they will be \$5 for the Jumping Castle option and \$5 for a Games 2 U option.

### White Elephant Stall - Mini Feté

Are you due for a clean out? Now is the time! Macquarie Fields PS are accepting donations of second hand goods suitable for selling at the White Elephant Stall at the upcoming Mini Feté.

Please bring all items for donation to the front office. Thank you!



### Parent Café

All parents and caregivers are invited to the TEN session at Parent Café, presented by Mrs. Mitchell.

**When:** Wednesday 21/8/19 (Week 5)

**Where:** In the staffroom straight after the morning assembly.



### Congratulations Mia



Macquarie Fields PS is proud to have one of our students selected for the **2019 Fields Zone Cricket Team**.

Many students from schools in the Zone tried out for this representative team and it is a great achievement to be chosen.

The Fields team competes against other teams in the zone and it takes continued commitment from the players to attend training sessions outside of school hours.

Well done to **Mia** from 6 Currawong, on your selection for the team. We look forward to hearing how the Fields team goes in the competition!



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Dear parents and carers,

Students are invited to join us at our after school discos. All money raised will go towards purchasing iPads for students to use in the classroom.

**Where:** Macquarie Fields Public School Hall

**When:** Term 3, Week 6

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> 3:30 – 4:30pm
<b>Stage 1 (Year 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> 3:30 – 4:30pm
<b>Stage 2 (Year 3 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> 5:00 – 6:00pm
<b>Stage 3 (Year 5 &amp; 6)</b>	<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> 5:00 – 6:30pm

### Prices:

- \$2 entry
- \$1 juice popper
- \$1 glow stick
- \$1.50 small bottles of soft-drink
- \$2 soft-drink can
- \$2 sausage sizzle (beef)
- \$2.50 sausage sizzle (chicken)



**Organisers:** Stage 3 teachers - phone 9605 1024

**What:** Students are encouraged to wear their coolest pyjama\* clothes

*{ Prizes will be given to the best dressed students from each stage! }*

**K-2 students must be collected from Area E at the end of their discos and all 3-6 students must be collected from the hall by a responsible adult.**

- Pyjamas must be appropriate for a school event – No short-shorts, no crop tops & no singlets.
- Fully enclosed shoes must be worn.

### Father's Day Stall

Macquarie Fields Public School are holding a Father's Day stall for students to purchase gifts for their Dad or another special person in their family. It will be held in Week 6 on Wednesday, 28th August. Gifts range from \$3 to \$8.

Gifts will also be sold from outside the canteen on Thursday and Friday morning - 29th and 30th August.



## 6 Currawong Excursion to Cabramatta

On Tuesday, 6th August, 6 Currawong went on a special excursion to Cabramatta. They have been learning about Vietnam in class, both its history and culture, so a trip to a Vietnamese Noodle House in Cabramatta was a way for the class to get a first hand experience of Vietnamese food.

6 Currawong students earned the money for the excursion by taking turns working in 'The Shop' before or after school and enjoyed the chance to go on a class excursion. The students, their teacher Ms Falconer, and Mrs Sellick all had a great time exploring Cabramatta.

The whole class had a great day, with their favourite activities being eating noodles and having bubble tea. They also had lots of fun exploring some of the different shops in such a busy place and came back to school at 2pm, after a great day of learning and fun.

The students of 6 Currawong would like to thank Ms Falconer for taking them to Cabramatta and Mrs Sellick for accompanying them.



## Stage 2 Camp

There were 100 Year 3 and 4 students who attended the Stage 2 Camp to Berry Sport and Recreation Centre. Berry is approximately 90 minutes south of Macquarie Fields past Kiama. Five students sat the OC test in the morning and were lucky to still be able to come down to camp. A big thank you to the parents who dropped the students at camp. The students enjoyed Archery, Rogaining (a form of orienteering), Cook-Out, Bushwalking, Night Activities and the endless free time activities. During Archery there were a number of bullseyes and all students improved from their first attempts. During the Cook-Out the students learnt how to make a fire and then wait until it dies down and cook damper on the hot coals. The damper was delicious covered in yummy syrup. Then the students attempted rogaining. After a quick lesson on reading maps they were off to find the markers with the teachers trying to keep up before returning with their scores. Another great activity was the 3km bushwalk up to the top of Moeyan Hill. We walked through cow paddocks, thick bush and open fields. The view from the top was spectacular, looking north towards Gerroa, Nowra to the south and overlooking Seven Mile Beach. There was lots of fun to be had during the night activities playing cockroach and the tabloid activities in an attempt to wear the children out before bed! The students were all well behaved and represented MFPS with pride. There were many comments about our exemplary behaviour. A big thank you to Mr Bennie, Mrs Ward, Mrs Hepplewhite and Mr Ridgeway, and Mrs Jarman for attending camp and allowing the students to participate in such a valuable program. *Photos on the next page and on the MFPS Facebook page.*





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