



# Macquarie Fields Public School Newsletter

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## K - 2 Athletics Carnival

The K - 2 Athletics Carnival was held at Monarch Oval on Friday, 16th August, with the students participating in a variety of games and races. Students, teachers and families had a fun day and enjoyed the great weather.



## 2019 Term 3 - Week 8

### Upcoming Activities

#### Week 8

**Tuesday, 10th September**  
ICAS Writing 3:15pm - 4:15pm

**Wednesday, 11th September**  
Stage 3 Canberra Camp

**Thursday, 12th September**  
ICAS Spelling 3:15pm - 4:15pm

**Friday, 13th September**  
SSW Athletics (Regional)

Stage 3 Return from Camp

#### Week 9

**Tuesday, 17th September**  
School Group Photos

Bike Education Excursion  
K/1 Kuranya (year 1 only) & 2  
Elanora

ICAS English 3:15 - 4:15pm

**Thursday, 19th September**  
ICAS Maths 3:15pm - 4:15pm



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# What's On In Term Three?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 <b>School Group Photos</b>  ICAS English Test 3:15-4:15pm  Stage 2 Assembly 2pm  Bike Education Excursion K/1 Kuranya (year 1 only) & 2 Elanora	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  Stage 3 Assembly
10	23.09.19	24.09.19 Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic	25.09.19  <b>Mini Fete</b> <b>11:00am - 2:00pm</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>

# What's On In Term Four?

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	14.10.19  <b>Students Return to School</b>	15.10.19	16.10.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)	17.10.19 Debating Training	18.10.19
2	21.10.19	22.10.19  Stage 3 Assembly 2pm	23.10.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> <b>(Diwali Celebration)</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Kindergarten Assembly 2pm	24.10.19 Debating Training	25.10.19  Diwali Celebration
3	28.10.19	29.10.19 Grandparents Day  Stage 2 Assembly 2pm	30.10.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Stage 1 Assembly 2pm	31.10.19 Debating Training	1.11.19  <b>GALA DAY</b>
4	4.11.19	5.11.19	6.11.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Kindergarten Assembly 2pm	7.11.19 Debating Training  <b>Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 1</b>	8.11.19
5	11.11.19 Remembrance Day	12.11.19 Stage 3 Assembly 2pm	13.11.19 <b>Parent Cafe 9:15am</b> Playgroup 10am (Hall)  Stage 1 Assembly 2pm	14.11.19 Debating Training  <b>Kindergarten 2020 Orientation 2</b>	15.11.19  <b>GALA DAY</b>

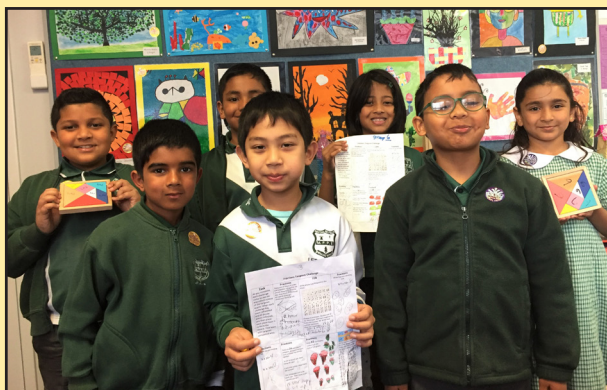
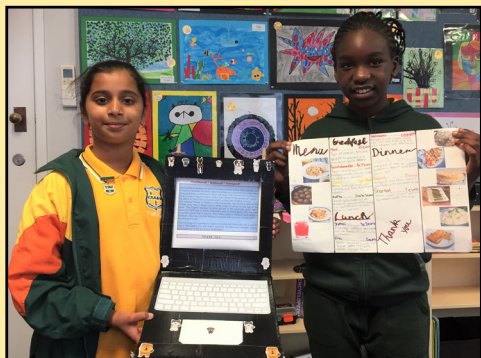
## Lost Property

There has been two pieces of jewellery handed in to the office. One necklace and one ring have been handed in. If you have lost either of these items, please come to the office to claim them.



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

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. 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. Please enjoy the photos of students from 2 Coo-ee with their mathematical challenge and Aditi from 5 Canungra with her creatively presented project on Cyprus.



### **Staffing news**

Congratulations to Mrs Nicole Egan who was recently appointed permanently to the Assistant Principal position through the Department's merit selection procedures. Well done! I would like to thank the panel representatives of our community – Mrs Anne Debone (parent), Mrs Sakila Akhter (parent), Mrs Kylie Lyneham (AECG) and Ms Cassy Gavenlock (teacher).

### **There was Fire In the Fields...**

On Wednesday 28 August, Macquarie Fields Public School's dance groups proudly performed at the 2019 Fire in the Fields concert. The dance groups performed alongside many of the local primary and high schools. Under the instruction of Miss Thorn, the dance groups showcased the school's proud cultures with both the Pacific Islands and Bollywood dance groups performing. The students were excited to share their cultures for the principals, teachers, families and friends who came along to support their hard work rehearsing. As principal, I was so very proud of our school. The performances were so powerful and joyful that I shed a little tear! It was a very enjoyable evening for all. Thank you to Miss Thorn for her leadership and to Mrs Ward, Mr Angus, Ms van der Ree, Mrs Dharan and Miss Sole for their attendance and support on the night. Without our wonderful teachers, our 100 students would not have the opportunities we all enjoy. Congratulations!

### **Attendance**

#### **Procedures for late arrival to school**

I would like to remind all parents and carers that every public school, including MFPS, must adhere to the Department's policy on attendance. At Macquarie Fields, our morning bell goes at 8:55am, therefore students should be at school and ready to enter their classroom by that time. We do understand that, on occasions, students might be running late, however as a school if your child is late they will be marked as partially absent by the classroom teacher. An explanation for the late arrival is still required. If your child arrives at 9:10am or later, they will be required to firstly present to the office to get a late slip, before going to the classroom. All classroom teachers have been requested to follow these time guidelines. I appreciate your anticipated support in this area.

### **School Photos**

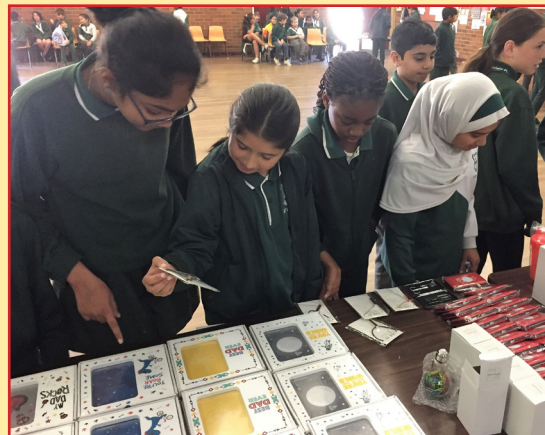
Please make sure your child arrives promptly to school on Tuesday 17 September as the visiting school photographers will return to take the group photographs soon after the morning bell. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on the day, including black shoes. Students who are in a PSSA team should wear their sports uniform.

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

### **Father's Day Stall**

We hope that you enjoyed your Father's Day on Sunday 1 September for your Dad or other special person in your family. Thank you to Miss Smith, one of our wonderful parents, for their hard work behind the scenes and for our staff and parent helpers on the day!



### **Caring for your child's health and safety School emergency drill**

On Monday 16 September during one of the student breaks, Macquarie Fields PS will be practising our evacuation from the playground drill. This is so students and teachers are familiar with the procedures in the event of an emergency occurring. Classes will be revising the procedures for emergencies in readiness for this drill. I ask for your support of these drills by talking about them with your child/ren. The evacuation sound, for students and teachers, is a series of short bells. It is important for the safety of every member of Macquarie Fields PS that these procedures are followed in a quiet, orderly and sensible manner. Thank you for your anticipated support.

### **2019 Parent Conference**

Parent Café attendees had the opportunity to attend the annual Campbelltown / Macarthur Parent Conference last Thursday 5 September with the theme 'The Power of Kindness'. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and myself to connect and share in the experience and learn from and reflect on the messages shared by the keynote speakers. We really did have the opportunity to 'Refresh, Refocus and Renew' which was the aim of the conference experience. We also had the opportunity to have a lot of fun too! Please enjoy our photos

**Ms Vicki Craze  
R/Principal**



### **School Group Photos**

Just a reminder, on Tuesday 17th September is our Sport and Extra Curricular Photo Day. Students need to bring their sports uniform or any other clothes requested by their coach/organiser of the group. Thank You





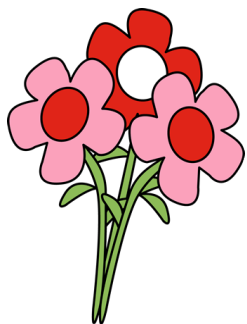
### Aboriginal Mural

The first of our Aboriginal Murals is complete! Aboriginal Mural artist, Michael Fardon, worked hard with our students and staff to finish the mural and it looks fantastic. Michael Faddon will be back in Term 4 to work on a second, related mural outside the library. All of the ASTI students worked with a friend from their class to paint the mural.



### Happy SASS Week!

Week 6 was School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week. A time to acknowledge and thank the SASS at Macquarie Fields PS.



K Wingaru and K Maluka celebrated Miss Nat for SASS appreciation week.





## From Our MFPS Debaters



"Debating has been an exciting journey this year, as it has improved my public speaking and confidence in speaking in front of crowds. We versed Leumeah, Blairmount, Campbelltown North and a Monarchs vs Skippers debate. I have been first speaker, second speaker and team advisor. Good luck to all the future debaters of MFPS and I hope you all have success." **Laila, 6 Mulga**

"This year's debating has been a very interesting journey. Both teams have won and lost, and everyone enjoyed their experience. I personally went to Leumeah and went against Campbelltown North. I was always the third speaker and I loved it. I feel like I've learned to improve my arguments and rebut better." **Prachi, 6 Ettalong**

"My journey this year of debating was an exciting experience because I learnt how to project my voice and even speak in front of people with more confidence. I even learned how to speak more slowly and accurately. Next year, I'm definitely joining the debating team. Now I know how to public speak and I will try to make it from my class and school as well. Thanks to Mr Angus and Mrs Sommerville for all the support this year." **Sabeeh, 5 Gamarada**

"Debating has been a very great experience for me. It has been an honour to serve in the Monarchs team, and help our team win. We have won three debates and versed Leumeah, Blairmount, Campbelltown North & our Skippers team. I think debating was great, and can't wait for what's more to come." **Alena, 5 Gamarada**

"Debating has been an incredible experience this year and has provided us with learning different skills for speaking, as well as giving us lots of confidence. It is a good way to build your speaking skills and to make new friends. In this incredible journey, we have versed Leumeah, Blairmount, Campbelltown North, and in the final round, the Skippers. The hardest part in a debate is a rebuttal because with a rebuttal you only have how long the speaker before you on the opposing team speaks. You have to think of the rebuttal on the spot and that is really hard. Our journey has still not ended, it is just the beginning." **Sahasra, 5 Gamarada**

"This year in debating, I have learned lots of skills to use in the future. It was a very nervous experience. Throughout the year I had got more superior at debating. I enjoy debating and am very dedicated towards learning more. I come to school very early every Thursday. I am looking forward towards the future. Thank you Mr Angus and Mrs Sommerville." **Ojasvi, 5 Canungra**

"Debating, that's what I do. It's not easy though. For training, I have to be at school at 7:55 so I can start training at 8am. One debate I did was against Campbelltown North, and luckily, we won. Training is extremely useful, we learn how to make detailed arguments and thought-out rebuttals. Of course, my debating journey hasn't ended, I still have the rest of this year and next year." **Aaqib, 5 Gamarada**

"This year we versed Leumeah, Blairmount, Campbelltown North and Mac Fields Skippers. We won 3 of the debates but lost against Campbelltown. I'll continue my journey in high school next year." **Anastasia, 6 Ettalong**

"Debating has been an incredible experience/ journey throughout this year. The Monarchs team has travelled to Leumeah Public School. At Leumeah, we successfully won. Ever since, it has been a great challenge to verse other schools. We have officially won 3 of our 4 debate battles throughout the year. The debating practices have been great and it has been improving my skills." **Lamees, 5 Gamarada**

"This year, I was in the Skippers team for debating. My journey begun when I went with my team to Leumeah PS but we lost. We also lost against Blairmount, but against Campbelltown North, we won. We lost our debate against the Monarchs. We got used to coming to school at 8am in the morning on a Thursday. This journey was amazing but it's only just the beginning." **Amna, 5 Gamarada**

"This year, I have learned lots of skills. Unfortunately, we only won 1 round. Our first one was with Leumeah. One of the memories was that it was really cold and we travelled by public bus. We won against Campbelltown North because our debate was fluent. It was really amazing and I hope to try it in Year 6 and in high school." **Aditi, 5 Canungra**

"This year when I was in Skipper's, our first win was against Campbelltown North. We learned a lot and had fun with it. During debating, we had training sessions at 8am in the morning. Through the year, I have learnt so many new things like rebuttal, detailed arguments and how to stay calm during preparation time. I want to continue in future debating teams." **Ekta, 5 Gamarada**



## Hands On High School

Macquarie Fields PS Year 6 Students attended Hands on High School at Macquarie Fields HS on August 29th. Hands on High School is an opportunity for students to experience what a day in High School will be like. Students participated in a number of lessons on a range of subjects that they will encounter in Year 7.



### GO4FUN<sup>®</sup> HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS

Go4Fun is a free 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids between 7-13 years of age who are above a healthy weight.

The program helps families by teaching them about healthy eating and physical activity through fun games and activities.



#### Term 4 Programs

Programs starting from 14 October 2019

##### Eagle Vale Central

Swim Program  
Cnr Emerald Dr and Feldspar Rd, Eagle Vale  
Mondays 4:30-6:30pm

##### Campbelltown PCYC

95 Minto Rd, Minto  
Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:30pm

##### Mount Annan Leisure Centre YMCA

Swim Program  
363 Welling Dr, Mount Annan  
Saturdays 1-3pm

For more information or to register,  
contact us on 1800 780 900 or visit  
[go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)



### Positive Playground Voucher Winners

Congratulations to all our Positive Playground Behaviour voucher winners from Week 7.

**Anish - 5 Euroka**

**Faith - 3 Lutana**

**Taiyla - 2 Serpent**

**Neshmiyah - 4 Akuna**

**Nashwan - 1 Coolabah**

**Aabid - K/1 Kuranya**



MFPS Principal Vicki and some of our parents off to the 2019 Parent Conference on Thursday, 5th September.



### Thursday 12 September 2019, 7pm

Campbelltown Arts Centre and NAISDA Dance College invites you to the presentation of the 2019 C-A-C/NAISDA Dance Project.

The C-A-C/NAISDA Dance Project allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Macarthur region the chance to explore their creative voice through artistic mentorship in dance, cultural knowledge and performance skills led by community Elders, established dance artists and some of the most promising young contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers in Australia.

We are proud of the students' learning and achievement throughout this multi-stage program, and look forward to giving them the opportunity to showcase their ideas and explorations to their peers, teachers and family.

#### Location

Performance Studio, Campbelltown Arts Centre

#### Bookings

This is a free event for all ages, bookings not required.



## FREE fun and fitness for the family!

**Sunday 29  
September 2019**  
10am to 12pm

## Ready to Ride Day

- Bike safety quiz
- Prize draws
- Ride the circuit - paved surface and one way traffic for safety
- 20min Learn To Ride sessions (bookings essential)
- safety and maintenance checks on your bike
- face painting and jumping castle
- morning tea refreshments provided
- BYO picnic gear (blankets and chairs)

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#### Where

Eschol Park Complex, Eagle Vale

#### Important

- BYO helmet and bike
- Children need to be supervised by an adult.



## JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER

#### Starting Date:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Times are:** 4:35, 5:00, 5:25 and 5:50pm

**Monday:** U6's, U7's & U8's

**Tuesday:** U9's, U10's & U12's

**Wednesday:** U13/14's & U15/16's

5 A Side

Boys and Girls play together.

Registration includes playing shirt & shorts

No games in the School Holidays!



7 Watsford Rd, Campbelltown 2560

### Individuals and Teams Welcome

**Accepting Registrations  
NOW!**

#### Contact Us

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## JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL

#### Starting Date:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Times:** 4:30, 5, 5:30 & 6pm

#### Age Groups:

U9/10's, U11/12's, U13/14's & U15/16's

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