



# 2025

## TERM 1 WEEK 7

### MACQUARIE FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

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## Relieving Principal's Report



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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome to our Week 7 Newsletter. What a great few weeks it has been with our Swimming Scheme program, GRIP Student Leadership Conference and GALA Day just to name a few.*

### ***Staffing***

*On Monday, we look forward to Ms Craze's return. I will then return to my Deputy role and Mrs Cheney to her Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction role. I would like to take this opportunity to say what an amazing time I have had leading our wonderful school and I thank you so much for all your ongoing support.*

## **Attendance**

*We have had a great start to the year with our student attendance. However, if your child is away from school, can you please ensure you provide a reason for the absence within 7 days of your child being away. You can do this by:*

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- *Replying to the daily message sent home*
  - *Sending a message to the classroom teacher via Seesaw*
    - *Calling the school office*
  - *Emailing the school email: [macfields-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:macfields-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)*
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## **The Importance of Arriving on Time**

*Arriving at school and class on time:*

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- *Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day*
  - *Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine*
    - *Give students time to greet their friends before class*
      - *Reduces classroom disruption*
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*Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.*

**P & C**

Please join us on Monday 31 March at 2.00pm in the library for our next P&C meeting. All welcome!

### Meet the Teacher Afternoons

Thank you to the families who attended our Meet the Teacher days back in Week 5. I hope you found out useful information about our school and your child's class.

### NAPLAN Online

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced for all students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools on Wednesday. Remember to get a good night's sleep, wake up, eat breakfast and be on time to ensure you are ready for the NAPLAN assessment!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you back here in Week 10 for our next newsletter!

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**Days missed = years lost**

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
<b>1</b> day per fortnight ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗	= <b>4</b> weeks	= Over <b>1</b> year missed
<b>1</b> day per week ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗	= <b>8</b> weeks	= Over <b>2.5</b> years missed

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*"Make today the day to learn something new"*

## Calendar

### **Upcoming Events - Save the date**

#### **March / April 2025**

- 12 - 24 March 2025 - NAPLAN
- 18 March 2025 - Fields Zone Softball training
- 19 March - 17 December 2025 - Got Game program (weekly on Wednesday's)
- 21 March 2025 - Harmony Day
- 24 March - 11 April 2025 - NSW Health Mobile Dental Program
- 25 March 2025 - Fields Zone Softball training
- 27 March 2025 - Paul Kelly Cup
- 28 March 2025 - Gala Day #2 (Season 1)
- 8 April 2025 - School Photos (K-2)
- 9 April 2025 - School Photos (3-6)
- 10 April 2025 - K-6 Easter Hat Parade
- 11 April 2025 - Last day of Term 1
- 28-29 April 2025 - Staff Development Day's
- 30 April 2025 - Students commence Term 2



## Kindy News

### ✨ Buddies Program ✨

Our Kindy students team up with their Year 6 buddies to play games, complete activities, practice their sounds and explore the school together. These sessions help the kindergarten students feel confident and supported, while the older students build leadership skills and friendships. It's great to share the learning in our school community!









## Swim Scheme Success!

We are excited to share the fantastic outcomes of our recent Swim Scheme! Over the past weeks, our students have shown remarkable improvement in their swimming skills, demonstrating dedication and enthusiasm in each lesson. From mastering basic strokes to building confidence in the water, every participant has made significant strides.



Learning to swim is not just a fun activity, it's a vital life skill that promotes safety and opens up a world of opportunities for our students. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the progress they have made. A huge thank you to our instructors for their guidance and to our families for their support. Here's to many more splashes and successes in the future!

## Zone Tennis



On Tuesday 4 March, two of our students, Porter G (4 Stellar) and Tavish S (6 Force) went along to the zone trials for tennis. Unfortunately, even though they just missed out on making the next level they tried so hard and had a lot of fun. Well done boys for having a go!

## Gala Day

*Last Friday, our students participated in the first season Gala Day for 2025! Despite the rain in the morning, we went ahead with the event, allowing students to showcase their skills in various sports and activities. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage, have fun, and promote teamwork. We look forward to the next Gala Day, which will be held on Friday of Week 9.*



A huge congratulations to Allyra from 5 Stellar for representing the Macarthur Mustangs Under 12s at the NSW OzTag State Cup in February in Coffs Harbour. Allyra has been playing since she was 6 years old, primarily in the positions of rover and middle. Her favourite part was connecting with her friends on the team and proudly representing her local area in the State Cup. Allyra has played in the State Cup for three years.

## Grip Conference

Last Thursday (6 March) Student leaders attended the Grip Conference in Wollongong. Students participated in numerous activities, including: dancing, playing team building games, conversing with other students, brainstorming school initiatives and performing role play activities. Our student leaders had a wonderful day and were excellent representatives for our school. We look forward to seeing what new initiatives they bring to MFPS.











Uniform Shop

A colorful poster for Macquarie Fields Public School's Uniform Shop. The background is black with a grid pattern. At the top, it says "MACQUARIE FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL" in white. Below that, "UNIFORM SHOP" is written in large, multi-colored letters. To the left is the school crest, and to the right is an illustration of two children with backpacks. At the bottom, it lists the opening hours: "OPENING HOURS TUESDAY'S 8:45AM - 10:00AM". The poster is framed by vertical bars of colored pencils on the left and horizontal rainbow stripes on the right.



## P&C News



Our next P&C meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 31 March at 2.00pm. Please come and join us!

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to postpone our P&C Information Night which was scheduled to be held on Monday 17 March. We will provide further information in the coming weeks about the new date for this event.

Also, please keep a look out in the coming weeks for a P&C survey that will be sent to all families. The purpose of this survey is to ensure we gain your opinion on when our P&C meetings will be held so that we can support our community in what works best for you. Once we have the results of the survey, we will be able to provide you with the schedule of when the P&C meetings will be for the remainder of the year. This way you can plan ahead if you would like to attend.

## Extended Leave Request



Planning a holiday? Please complete an Extended Leave Request form and return to the front office for approval and processing

[Extended Leave Request Form](#)

## Other information

### STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

**Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!**

**Draw:** Friday, 23 May 2025

#### Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



**JOIN NOW**



*Australian*  
**Air League**  
NSW Group

## NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT**

**ACTIVE KIDS**

[www.airleague.com.au](http://www.airleague.com.au) Email: [info@airleague.com.au](mailto:info@airleague.com.au)  
Free Call: 1800 502 175



# Need help accessing the NDIS or have questions about supports?

Stay connected through the  
Community Connection Desk



**Thursdays during school term • starts 13 March •  
9am - 1pm • James Meehan High School**

This connection desk is designed for parents and students who need information on how to access the NDIS, the SSI LAC program, and other support services in the community.

**Where:** James Meehan High School (FlexiHub)  
58 Harold Street, Macquarie Fields NSW2564

Please contact **Allana Das Neves** for more information:  
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Delivering the NDIS in your community

Settlement Services International  
is an NDIS partner delivering  
Local Area Coordination (LAC)  
services in Sydney.



# School Zone Parking Offences

Current as at October 2023

	<p><b>No Stopping</b> In the area in the direction of the arrow, you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.</p>	<p>Up to <b>\$514</b> +2 Demerit Points</p>
	<p><b>No Parking</b> You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle</p>	<p><b>\$21</b> +2 Demerit Points</p>
	<p><b>Bus Zone</b> In the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.</p>	<p><b>\$387</b> +2 Demerit Points</p>
	<p><b>Double Parking</b> You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.</p>	<p><b>\$387</b> +2 Demerit Points</p>
<p>•STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: +2 Demerit Points            •STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach &amp; 10m on departure side of crossing): +2 Demerit Points            •STOP on path/strip in built up area: +2 Demerit Points</p>		
<p>Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.</p>		

For more information, call Campbelltown City Council on 4645 4000 or visit [campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](http://campbelltown.nsw.gov.au)





# School Zone Traffic Offences

Current as at 6 October 2023

	<p><b>Speeding Offences</b> School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.</p>	<p>Up to <b>\$4,385</b> +7 Demerit Points PLUS Double Demerits during gazetted periods</p>
	<p><b>Mobile Phone Use</b> Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.</p>	<p><b>\$514</b> +5 Demerit Points PLUS Double Demerits during gazetted periods</p>
	<p><b>Children's Crossing</b> Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children's Crossing or approach Children's Crossing too quickly to stop safely.</p>	<p><b>\$481</b> +3 Demerit Points</p>
	<p><b>U-turns</b> Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone</p>	<p><b>\$387</b> +3 Demerit Points</p>

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit [rms.nsw.gov.au/kmp/road/school](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/kmp/road/school) 13 22 13

Please Note: Fines subject to change without notice.  
These penalties apply to offences in schools zones only while the zone is active.

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## Parents

### How can we help?

We're here to help you with anything! Things like:

- Family
- Relationships
- Mental Health
- School
- Safety & Abuse

[kids helpline](https://kids.helpline.com.au) <https://kids.helpline.com.au> [About Us](#) [Safeguarding](#) [Support Us](#) [FAQs](#) [Contact Us](#)

**Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.**

*Qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline are available anytime and for any reason.*

Since 1991, Australia's kids and young people have been turning to our professional counsellors, no matter what their age or what they need to talk about. Over this time, we have responded to over 8.8 million contacts. For some young people, connecting with Kids Helpline has been a life-saving experience, while for others it's about practical help and emotional support at the critical moment they need someone to listen.

## Contact Us



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Visit us on the web at [www.macfields-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.macfields-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

### **Office Hours**

Monday to Friday

8:15am to 3:30pm





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# School Bytes

## **Parent Portal: Set up your parent portal account**

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. Your school may use the parent portal for various things, including online permission notes, attendance, and payments, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

**IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.**

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>