CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to our 2013 Year 3 students on achieving the top NAPLAN score in Numeracy in the ACT, according to the Canberra Times publication on NAPLAN results in the ACT. The release of the NAPLAN results on the My School website is always of interest to parents and the wider community. The site provides information on how to understand how individual students are performing and where their strengths are. NAPLAN provides Mawson Primary with diagnostic information about individual student’s literacy and numeracy skills in Years 3 & 5. This information is one aspect of the school’s ongoing assessment and reporting process made by our teachers about each student’s strengths and areas for improvement.

Media Visit
A media officer from the Education and Training Directorate visited our school today to take photos and discuss our Mandarin LOTE and Immersion Programs. Students in 1L sang three songs about family members, friends and three little bears. 3MIP and 4MIP demonstrated their language proficiency with 3MIP writing narratives using Chinese characters and 4MIP using the iPads to write pinyin and Chinese characters.

National Ride2School Day
Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian students, just like yours, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school, many for the first time.
National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven't started to give it a go. Commit to a healthier 2014 and create an active travel culture within your school community by participating. Please bring a lock to secure your bike during the day.

U-Can Read
U-CAN Read Literacy Intervention Years 3 -10 a program dedicated to developing children's literacy skills by providing parents and carers with strategies, knowledge and support. It is delivered via a series of 5 parent seminars followed by up to 12 weekly, one hour sessions with students and their parents/carers. Currently there are several places available for the next intake beginning in April. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you are interested.

For Your Interest
On Wednesday 26 March there will be an information session on Mandarin Immersion Program directions at Mawson Primary School from 6:30 with the P&C meeting to follow. More information will be in next week’s edition.

Warm regards
Amanda Andrews
Principal

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families
www.parentingideas.com.au
After reading *The Very Lonely Firefly* we started making our own fireflies.

In Mathematics we have been learning our numbers to ten.

We are learning how to make sentences.

We LOVED the bus ride on the way to the Swimming Carnival.
**SELF AWARENESS THROUGH HUMAN VALUES,**
通过人生的价值观来提高自我意识

Friendship begins with feeling good about yourself and believing that you have something to offer or share with another person. It is a relationship based on mutual interest and common aims.

Friendship begins with a kind gesture that may develop into a deep and meaningful friendship. Having friendships means one never needs to be lonely unless one chooses to be alone.

Friendship is not trying to control or change another person to suit one’s own ideas about how it should be. It is not pretending to be someone you are not or being loyal to your friends if they are harming you or themselves.

Healthy friendships are those that allow one to reveal one’s true nature without the fear of rejection. They develop one’s inner self worth and strengthen one’s belief in oneself. On the other hand, unhealthy friendships are those based on control and manipulation of someone for our own selfish purposes.

People with high self-esteem are more likely to cultivate healthy friendships. Self –esteem is dependant on the values practised by the individual.

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**MIP NEWS**

**Year 4 MIP**

Half a term has passed and our 4 MIP students have settled into the new program well. They have been very busy learning new topics. On top of our Mandarin and Maths curriculum, we had some extra opportunities to extend our Mandarin learning. 4MIP lead the Chinese New Year Celebrations at school assembly. Last Friday, we welcomed three Chinese Embassy guests to our school. Today 4 MIP students used iPads to demonstrate their language proficiency, to the media Officer from the Education and Training Directorate. On Friday 21 March 4 MIP students will take a leading roll in the celebration of Harmony Day at Mawson. They are also enjoying Chinese art and craft in class. At the beginning of the year, 4 MIP also completed activities celebrating the Year of the Horse. They will have more opportunities to do more craft activities in late Term 1 and 2 for the annual ACT Panda Competition.

Cissy Lu
Teacher

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

It is wonderful to see the teachers using the library with their students. They are using the library for information literacy and borrowing new books. Although Mrs Taylor is overseas for a short time, she has organised a new set of books to be released each week. This term the library is open two lunchtimes – Tuesday and Thursday.
The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. Harmony Day is an Australian Government program and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In an earlier issue of Schoolweek you may remember reading that Mawson Primary students were born in 30 different countries and speak 42 different languages. Here are some interesting facts about birthplace and languages spoken in Australia as a whole, from the 2011 Australian Census:

Harmony Day is Week 7, Friday 21st March. On this day, children and teachers are encouraged to wear their national costume or to wear orange clothing to school. Students will be participating in Harmony Day activities in their classrooms, and our weekly assembly will also feature items to celebrate this special day.