Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school and the start of term 4. It was wonderful to see so many excited faces on Monday as students and teachers returned after a well earned break. The staff and I are ready for a great term of learning with your child.

Welcome to Mawson

Welcome back to Lily Ang, who returns from maternity leave and will be in a support role this term. The following teachers join us this term: Michael Ellis Year 3-6 support, Adrian Wong Year 5/6 and Joyce Narayan on 2M, as Brita Monck is on leave. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and students to the best school in the universe.

China Day– You Are Invited To Join Us

This year’s China Day celebration will be held on Friday 24 October, commencing with a whole-school assembly from 9.15 to 10am. There will be a range of activities from 10-11am and 12-1:30pm.

Students are encouraged to dress in Chinese costumes or outfits. A special China Day lunch will be provided at a cost of $5.60, a vegetarian option is also available. The lunch order is optional; students may choose to bring their own lunch on the day. Order forms were sent home last term. Order form on page 3.

Swim & Survive Program

Mawson Primary School is participating in the Swim & Survive Program run by the ACT Education & Training Directorate and Royal Life Saving Society ACT. The program runs over 2 weeks commencing 24 November to 5 December 2014 at a cost of $80.00 per student spaces are limited for 112 students only.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the forms which were sent home last term and return with payment to the front office by 24 October. The school has a Student Support Fund for those families requiring financial assistance. Please contact Gail Porter at the front office to make these arrangements.

Car park safety

It is important that all families ensure the safety of our students is paramount when on school grounds. As there are only a certain number of spaces available in the car park, your cooperation when parking is essential.

There are designated areas for family members to stop their car to drop off or pick up children before and after school. NO PARKING PICK UP SET DOWN ONLY 8:30-9:30AM, 2:30-3:30PM SCHOOL DAYS.

Families should use the other parking bays if accompanying students into the play ground or their classroom.

Please do not double park across the designated parking spaces. When you double park and leave your car to collect children, other drivers are forced to wait until you return to your car as you are blocking their exit.

 Asking children to cross the busy car park area on their own to get to your car could result in an accident and put their life at risk.

The red lined area at the entrance to the car park must be kept clear and is not a parking area.

The bus zone also needs to be kept clear.

It is the expectation that at all times anyone on school grounds acts in a safe, courteous manner. This applies very much to the car park area and your cooperation is much appreciated.

For Your Interest

Some of you may have read the article in last Friday’s Canberra Times on ways to improve the teaching of Mandarin and Chinese culture in the ACT. Here are some points from the Canberra Times article.

There is a working group that was launched by Chief Minister Katy Gallagher and will be chaired by the Education and Training Directorate. By June 2015 the working group will prepare a strategy to increase co-operation between schools and universities, and identify resources for language education. Ms Gallagher believes an education in Mandarin is a valuable asset. “it will be an advantage for any child to be able to speak and understand Mandarin.” Ms Gallagher said.

Playground equipment

The equipment is not directly supervised by teachers before or after school and is therefore is out of bounds. On occasions, children do like to play on the equipment after school. Children need to be supervised by an adult, who is close by.

Playground supervision

There are teachers on playground duty before school, at recess and lunch time. Students are to line up at the designated area at 8.55am, 11.55am and 2.00pm. Ball games are not permitted before school.

Warmest regards

Amanda Andrews
Principal

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COMING EVENTS 活动预告

16 October Breakfast club 8:15am
16 October Banking Day
17 October Assembly 12:45pm
21 October Evacuation Drill 10:45am

22 October 3K excursion to National Museum of Australia
24 October China Day, assembly 9:15-10am

To provide a learning environment where all students can achieve personal success
Happy Term 4 parents, staff and students!!

What a busy and exciting time as Term 3 draws to an end and we kick off our final term for the year together. It has been a pleasure observing how the students of 1/2F have developed as a team, and how they unite during class time to learn and create.

Throughout Term 3 we were learning about Information Reports, studying various types of reports about plants, animals and places. We explored some factual video reports on our Smartboard, learning how to take notes and categorise information. See the photo below of the students’ jellyfish, surrounding the class information report we created together. We explored features, habitat, food habits, survival and fun facts. To complete the unit, students researched collaboratively, and wrote their own report on Fairy or Emperor Penguins.

For our class Science Project in Week 5, 1/2F explored volume and shape and how this affects sound. We participated in a variety of experiments, including making rubber band guitars, straw pipes, string phones, balloon drums and more. In response to these experiments, students constructed homemade instruments, using materials such as rice, rubber bands, cardboard boxes and more.

In Week 9 we had fun embarking on our class excursion to St Johns Schoolhouse! This provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage further with our History unit, and addressed various themes and outcomes from the Australian Curriculum. It also presented students with a wonderful real-life simulation of the past, and prompted them to consider changes between then and now. Students participated in interactive activities such as writing on slate boards, wearing traditional school uniforms, exploring olden days utensils around the home, and hearing about the early history of Canberra’s establishment. Students are applauded for their respect and excellent behaviour as they went on tours around the school house, church and graveyard. They engaged with our hosts, politely asking questions and thinking about life in the past.

I looked forward to a wonderful Term 4 with the students! 
Miss Anna Flutsch 1/2F.
**Skoolbag App**

Just a note to let you know that with Apple's latest iOS 8 update they have managed to break various functions in the Skoolbag app. We are aware of these issues including push notifications not working, and to rectify this we are currently updating the apps with a new version.

Please note that the issue does not effect users who are still running iOS 7.

For current Skoolbag customers your app will be upgraded to 2.6.0 version. Updates are being submitted daily to Apple who then take around 5 - 7 days to approve them. You can expect the update will be ready for download within the next 2 - 4 weeks.

If your school or parents have any more questions, please email support@skoolbag.com.au for more information.

We thank you for your patience in this matter, as this was an issue that was beyond our control.

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**Is Your child returning in 2015**

To assist us to make the best possible plans and arrangements for your child's education in 2015 please complete the following slip and return to the front office.

Child/children's name: ___________________________________ Class: ________

Please tick the statement which applies

- My child/ren **WILL** return to Mawson Primary School in 2015
- My child/ren will **NOT** return to Mawson Primary School in 2015
- I am **unsured** if my child/ren will attend Mawson Primary School in 2015

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**China Day Lunch Order - $5.60**

Student's name: ___________________________ Class: _________________

- [ ] Chicken Fried Rice
- [ ] Spring roll
- [ ] Prawn crackers
- [ ] Fruit juice box
- [ ] Vegetarian option

RETURN BY MONDAY 20 OCTOBER
### 2015 Mandarin Immersion Program
#### Year 1 Expression of Interest

I/we would like our child to participate in the 2015 Year 1 Mandarin Immersion Program.

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- Does either parent speak Mandarin?  Yes / No

| Does your child speak another language other than  | Year your child started at Mawson                  |
| English or Mandarin at home?                       | Primary School                                     |
| Yes | No   |                                                 |

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### 2015 Mandarin Immersion Program
#### Year 3, 2 day Expression of Interest

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Celebrating the benefits of music education in Australian schools

On Thursday October 30th, at 12:30pm, Mawson Primary School and Preschool are participating in Music: Count Us In (MCUI). MCUI is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. MCUI In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, right across the country.

Our 3/4 and 5/6 Choir will be part of the gala event at Old Parliament House, and the rest of our students will come together at school to sing. We encourage you to be part of this event too! This year’s song is called, “Paint You a Song”, and we have included the lyrics below. You can listen to the song by following this link: http://www.musiccountusin.org.au/

Paint You a Song

Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo
Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo

I see the birds flying high, flying high, flying high in the sky
They’re all singing along, to that same old song
I feel the beat, feel the beat, feel the beat, feel the beat in my heart
And it keeps me warm, like a spark in the dark

You paint the melody
I will paint the harmony
Singing colours all around
Every city, every town

Chorus
Let me paint you a song if you promise, promise
Let me paint you a song if you promise, promise
Let me paint you a song if you promise to sing along

Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo
Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo

I hear the wind rushing in, rushing in, rushing into the night
Touch the stars, chase the light
And there’s a song, there’s a song, there’s a song, there’s a song in the air
If you listen close, you can hear it there

You paint the melody
I will paint the harmony
Singing colours all around
Every city, every town

Chorus

Music forever, Brings us together
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Chorus
ACT Grandparents Week - 20 October– 26 October 2014

Canberrans are being encouraged to give an extra special thanks to their grandparents during the inaugural ACT Grandparents Week.

The week runs from 20 to 26 October with events designed for both older residents and the broader community.

The Office for Ageing is working in partnership with Tuggeranong’s 55+ Club, the Belconnen and Woden Seniors Clubs and the Canberra Seniors Centre, to coordinate the Grandparents Week program. Supplementary support will also be provided by the Migrant and Refugee Resettlement Services and the Hellenic Club of Canberra to co-ordinate events across Canberra.

Among the events due to be held are special film screenings, puppet shows for grandparents and grandchildren, looking back through family histories, arts and crafts displays, exercise classes, multicultural events and special lunches. An online of events will be available closer to the time.

For more information about how to participate or to register your event please contact the ACT Office for Ageing on 02 6205 7324 or email oma@act.gov.au.

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