Dear Parents/Carers
This is the final edition of Schoolweek and, on behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all families for your commitment to your child’s education and your support for our school.
It has been a successful and busy year and students, teachers and families are ready for a well-earned break from the routines and demands of school life.

New building work in 2015
The school has been advised that the proposal submitted to Education and Training Directorate to have a shade structure built over the new asphalt area and a verandah built along the Kindergarten classrooms, (on the preschool side), have been approved. The work will be funded 50/50 by the school and the department. Stay tuned early Term 1, 2015, for an update.
The security fence will be completed by the start of the new school year.

Xi’an school’s study tour in February 2015
Thank you to the families who have offered to host a student during the Xi’an school’s study tour in late February. Information will come home about the process for adults to obtain the Working With Vulnerable People’s card.

Staff changes
I am delighted to inform you that Ms Tara Aherne will continue on at Mawson in 2015.

Farewells
This year we farewell several teachers and I thank them for their commitment to our students and school. We wish them all the best at their new schools.
Ms Nikki Forbutt will be taking 12 months leave to continue in her teaching position at Harvey Bay. It was great to have Nikki back with us for a short time.
Ms Brita Monck will take up a teaching position at Bonython Primary School. Brita has been at Mawson from 2009 and has been instrumental in establishing the Environmental Centre, Greenies and Eco Leaders. Brita was the Literacy and Numeracy coordinator in 2010 and has been a Year 3/4 class teacher. In recognition of Brita’s commitment to sustainability education and her students amazing drama performance at last year’s national event, Mawson Primary School hosted the very successful ACT’s Kids Teaching Kids initiative on educating students about sustainability practices.
Ms Jing Yu has been at Mawson this year, assisting with Year 3K programmes.
Mr Jonathan White has been at Mawson this term assisting with EALD programmes.
Annie Dong has supported our Mandarin LOTE programs.

We welcome
Ms Kathryn Glanville, who will be the specialist teacher working in the Environmental Centre.
Ms Kristie Davies who will be a classroom teacher.
Ms Maria Sofo who will be the Learner Support Unit (LSU) teacher.
Ms Leonie Jenvey will be the learner support assistant in the LSU.

Teachers and classes, our staffing for 2015
As we are still finalising teachers have not been allocated to classes. This will be completed by the end of January, ready for the start of the new school year.

Thank You
I would like to thank the following people: The students at Mawson Primary School for striving to succeed in your learning and your friendly attitude to teachers, classmates and visitors. The teachers for their commitment to the students’ learning and Mary, Gail and Peter for all that they do to keep the school running smoothly.

Parents/Carers who have volunteered their time this year to support the students and teachers. The 2014 P&C Association’s committee, who have worked tirelessly this year, under the leadership of the president, Pam Proud, to support the school in providing resources for our students. A special thank you to Janelle Patten, who has been the long standing treasurer for her years of commitment to the P&C Association and our staff, students and their families.
My thanks also go to the School Board members- School community members: Scott Gurney (Board Chair) Andrew Pritchard and Aleisha Brodhead, Teachers: Nikki Forbutt, Claire Kerswell and Stacy Meyer. The Board has met regularly throughout the year to oversee school directions and seek out ways to maximize your child’s learning.
The school also thanks the carers from Jenny Wren Childcare Centre’s before and afterschool service, for the support they have provided our families.
My warmest wishes to you all for a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday. I look forward to seeing many of you back with us in February.

Warmest regards,
Amanda Andrews
Principal

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From all of the staff at Mawson Primary, we would like to extend our best wishes to all our families for a very safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2015!

FAREWELL TO MAWSON FAMILIES LEAVING OUR SCHOOL
We would like to farewell all the wonderful families that have been involved with Mawson over the years and are now leaving us. We wish you all the best in the future and thank you for all of your support in the time you have been with us.

2015 House Captains and Vice Captains

Markham:
Captains: - Cara E. & Eli H.
Vice Captains: - Lily F. & Thomas D.

Casey:
Captains: - Mariel B. & Vince P.
Vice Captains: - Sonya Mc. & Sam S.

Davis:
Captains: - Sabrina P. & Ryan T.
### Alomes Outstanding Citizenship:
It is awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding citizenship. This is awarded to a year 6 student who has greatly contributed to the well-being and smooth running of the school. This year’s recipient has made an impression on all the staff at Mawson with their mature outlook and fair and considerate ways.
The citizenship award for 2014 was awarded to **Olivia Wade**.

### Academic Excellence:
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding application and achievement of personal goals.
**Shannon Lanza**

### Personal Endeavour:
Awarded to a student who demonstrated particular persistence towards achievement of personal goals.
**Liam Rowley**

The Commonwealth Bank sponsors the **Environmental Sustainability Award**. This is awarded to a student who has made significant contribution to the school’s focus on sustainable practices.
**Hazel Bacon**

### The Arts Award:
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Arts.
**Michael Baghdadi**

### The Musicianship Award:
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding musicianship. This award is donated by Bellchambers music.
**Bayden Ng**

### The Logical Information Technology Award:
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding use of technology as an integrated learning tool.
**Jack Place**

### The Rostrum Award:
Is for the most successful senior Mawson student in the ACT Rostrum public speaking competition.
**Vince Publico**

### The Mandarin Award:
Recognises excellence in learning Mandarin language. This student has made great strides in this area.
**Jack Murray**

### The Sport Award:
Recognises a student who has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and sporting achievement.
**Tyler-Jean Ryan**

### The SCARF Award:
Awarded to a student who consistently demonstrates the SCARF values to create a positive learning environment.
**Molor Enebish**

### Farewells
Last Friday morning the Graduation ceremony was held to celebrate the successful completion of primary school for our 27, 2014 Year 6 students. They have represented our school in a wide range of activities and have been excellent ambassadors for the school. They will be missed and we wish them all the very best for high school.
It is amazing that we have come to the end of the year so quickly! It feels like only a short time ago that the 2M team came together for teaching and learning. I am immensely proud at the effort and progress all the children have made to become ready for Year 3 next year, what a lucky teacher she or he will be. Some of our achievements that the students highlighted in our discussions about portfolio topics included:

Assemblies; the performances prepared and performed by the students were a credit to their dedication and teamwork. Each student had a part in the process and this was evident in their production.

Spelling; this year the students were introduced to matrix spelling for high frequency words and utilised BEE spelling for sound/letter patterns. They were all excited at how far they had come in their achievements.

PE/Health; students attended many clinics for a variety of skills, including, AFL, NRL, Hockey, Basketball and Soccer.

Our end of year concert; this was definitely a highlight, students researched a variety of countries in pairs then prepared a speech to convince the rest of the class that their country should be the winner. The vote came down to Hawaii, alas we discovered that Hawaii is a state of USA, so next choice was Fiji! We had a lot of fun learning traditional Fijian dances for boys and girls.

I hope that you and your families all have a safe and happy holiday, a well break after a very busy year!

Brita Monck and the Black Caviars, 2M
It has been a very exciting first year for our newly formed choirs. Some of the highlights have included performing at the AIS Arena for *Step Into the Limelight* and at Parliament House for *Music Count Us In*. We have also enjoyed entertaining Mawson students, teachers and families at school assemblies and as part of the annual school concert and Year 6 Graduation.

In both rehearsals and performances, the choristers have consistently distinguished themselves by their courage, commitment, hard work and positive attitude. Furthermore, despite our choirs being completely non-auditioned, they have produced some beautiful and inspiring singing. This is evidenced by perhaps our proudest achievement for 2014, which is that we have doubled our membership from around 40 to more than 80 members!

There are many people we would like to thank.

The senior school teachers deserve special mention for all that they have done to facilitate their students’ participation in the choirs. We would also like to thank the classroom teachers who allowed us to perform at their assemblies, as well as acknowledge the unwavering support of the entire Executive team, all of whom are great believers in the value of participation in the Arts.

We also want to acknowledge our families, who have been our audience, helped with costumes and transport, and in one case accompanied our 3/4 choir on piano (thank you Julie XXXX). Thank you too to our P&C who assisted with the choirs’ participation in *Step Into the Limelight*.

It has been an unmitigated pleasure and privilege to lead the Mawson choirs this year. I look forward to even more beautiful singing in 2015.

Ms Caroline Woolias (Conductor)

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**Mawson Primary School**

**Merit Certificates—Term 4**

**KA**

Kimi A., Anabel F., KMIP, Lucy F., Idlan N.

**KI**

James B., Rishab S., Jason L., KMIP, Callum W.

**KK**

Kevin W., Faith S.

**1L**

Adarsh P., Izwan Z., Katrina E., Trinity S., Brianna K.

**1/2F**

Joseph Mc., Alex P. 2MIP, Wyatt M., Dania F., Joseph Mc.

**3K**

Shan R., Amelia B., Annabelle F., Aishani P., Joshua M.

**4M**

Dooa A., Eli H., Vince P., Bella W., Whole class, Leo P., Megan J., Sean H., Evan P.

**5/6W**

Ti-Lah H., Sandanu G., Jessica P., Ahmed S., Daniel M., Alan H.

**5/6MIP**

Olivia W., Sabrina P., Tia Mc., Bryanna M-S., Bayden N., Tyler-Jean R.
General School Board Elections

Nominee Form

Please use this form to nominate for a position on your school board.

School Name: MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Assistant Returning Officer: Pamela Proud, 0488 388 579

Nominee Details:

Position: Staff members (A member of the staff of the school) No. of vacancies: 2

Position: Parents and citizens members (A member of school community) No. of vacancies: 1

Nomination:

I,________________________________________________ am nominating for the position of ____________________________________________________ on the school board. If elected I will undertake the duties of the position.

Signature: _______________________________________

Date: ___________________________________________

The Education and Training Directorate (the Directorate) is collecting the information on this form to enable it to conduct elections for school boards. This is authorised by section 41 of the Education Act 2004. This information will be disclosed to the school community to enable eligible voters to elect a nominee of their choice.

Lodgement Information:

Nominations are to be submitted to the school’s front office between 11 am, 5 February 2015 and 11 am, 19 February 2015. Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday.

You can submit your nomination by:

hand delivery to the front office
email to info@mawsonps.act.edu.au
fax to (02) 6205 8026
mail to ARO, c/- Mawson Primary, Ainsworth St, Mawson 2607

The names of all nominees will be announced on 20 February 2015.
If an election is required, the voting period will be from 11am 23 February 2014 to 11am 2 March 2015.
Order your child’s school supplies today.

We all know how busy it can be getting organised for the new year. And with 2015 fast approaching, it’s time to start thinking about Back to School.

The school’s book pack requirements for 2015 are now loaded to officemaxschools.com.au, so all you need to do is view the list, make any changes you’d like for your child and order away. And, if you’re ordering for multiple children with delivery direct to your door, you can place their orders at the same time and pay only one fee.

There are some terrific incentives to get your order in before 19 December 2014:

- You’ll go in the draw to win 1 of 75 $100 Visa Debit Cards
- You’ll get delivery to your child’s school with free delivery
- Plus for every dollar you spend, your child’s school benefits by receiving a proportion of the value which they can invest back into the classroom.

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