Dear Parents/Carers

Harmony Day TOMORROW
Harmony Day is tomorrow! We invite all students to come to school wearing their national costume or dressed in orange clothing. We will be having a special assembly hosted by 2F at 12:45pm, which you are warmly invited to attend (please be encouraged to wear your national costume or orange clothing too!). Students will also be completing Harmony Day activities in their classrooms during the day.

Thank you to all of those parents who have arranged with me to provide food from around the world for our students to taste. Tables will be set up along the covered walkway, and classes will visit during the afternoon session. If there is food left by 3pm and you are at school to pick up your children, please feel free to come and try some yourself!

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will also be held on Friday, to coincide with Harmony Day. The Year 5 students who attended the ‘Staying Safe Online’ conference will be co-ordinating some relevant activities in classes during the day. More information can be found online: http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/

District Swimming Carnival
At last week’s assembly, Mr Evans and Ms Aherne presented the ribbons from Mawson’s Swimming Carnival. At this week’s assembly, we will present the trophy to the winning house. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and we wish the 17 students who will be attending the District Swimming Carnival tomorrow the best of luck.

4/5M Assembly
Last Friday, 4/5M hosted a very entertaining assembly. It was great to hear about the fantastic learning that has been going on so far this year in 4/5M, and the substitute “Mrs Marsham” did a great job (what a wig!). Thank you to the real Mrs Marsham (!) for her efforts in preparing her students for the assembly.

Mr Evans drew the winner of the National Ride2School Day prize, the Trek bike that was kindly donated to the school by Trek and the Heal family. Congratulations to Adarsh P. 3N on winning this fantastic prize! Well done to all students who have walked, rode or scooted to school this term.

Year 3 and Year 4/5/6 Camps
Students returned home from the Year 3 Camp at Birrigai yesterday after having a fantastic three days away. A huge thank you to Mrs Nestler, Mrs Sofo and Mr Evans for staying with the students overnight, and for all that they did to facilitate this fabulous opportunity for our Year 3 students. Mrs Andrews and I were both lucky enough to visit the campers on Tuesday, and we were impressed by the students’ participation in the wonderful activities on offer.

A reminder, that notes and payment for 4/5/6 Camp to Borambola must be returned along with payment no later than Tuesday 31 March.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to those families who have made a voluntary contribution for 2015. See page 5 for details.

International Competitions And Assessments for Years 3 -6 Students
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students.

I encourage parents to consider their child’s participation. Please visit https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/ for more information.

Caroline Wooliass
Executive Teacher

PLEASE NOTE
Term 2 start date for all students is Tuesday the 28 April 2015. Under the ACT Public Service Enterprise Agreement, when ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday will be a public holiday for ACT Public Service employees. To accommodate this requirement, students in ACT public schools will return on the Tuesday where ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday. This will require a return to school on Tuesday 28 April 2015.
SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL.
ALL STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN CLEAN, FULL SUMMER UNIFORM.

Envelopes will be coming home shortly
PN: NO PAYMENT IS TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL UNTIL PHOTO DAY AND IS TO BE HANDED DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS

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https://www.facebook.com/mawsonprimary.pc
or simply search for
The National Disability Insurance Scheme – what does it mean for my child?

ACT Education and Training and the National Disability Insurance Agency invite parents and carers of students with a disability to an information session about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Find out what the NDIS means for your child, how you apply for your child to participate in the Scheme and how this relates to the support your child receives at school.

### NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME INFORMATION SESSIONS 2015

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No need to book, just come along to a session that suits you.
MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL
Marr Street, Pearce
A community of learners building on a tradition of excellence

Information Evening for Prospective Students
Thursday 7 May 2015, 5.30-7.30pm commencing in the Hall
Address by the Principal, tours of the school, displays of student work

Year 6 Orientation Days
Monday 4 May 2015 (Torrens Primary and Outer Areas)
Wednesday 6 May 2015 (Farrer Primary, Mawson Primary and Others)
Introduction to the high school structure, sampling of core and elective classes,
BBQ lunch provided

Simon Vaughan, Principal
www.melrosehs.act.edu.au

This study has been approved by the ACT Health
Human Research Ethics Committee

Do you have a relative with Diabetes Type 1?
Are you 1-45 years of age?
Are you generally healthy?
You may be eligible for the Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Prevention Trial

If you have a relative with Type 1 Diabetes, you could be at risk for this disease. Paediatric Research at Canberra Hospital is participating in studies monitoring the risk of Diabetes in relatives of T1D individuals and is offering an opportunity for you or your child to participate.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on 61747600 for more information.

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Does your child have Type 2 diabetes?
Your child may be eligible for the Type 2 Diabetes Study

Helping your child manage their type 2 diabetes can be difficult. It requires a lot of attention. If diet, exercise and medication are not working well enough for your child, you may be wondering what to do next. It may be time to consider a different approach.

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2015 Voluntary Financial Contributions

Mawson Primary School strives to provide a challenging and caring educational environment for all students. The Mawson Primary School community and P&C association generate additional funds through services provided by the school’s network of volunteers and fundraising activities. A significant form of additional funding is raised through Voluntary Financial Contributions that are used to provide valuable resources to support a rich learning environment for your child.

Due to Australian Taxation Office requirements we no longer have a P & C Library Trust Fund where donations were tax deductible. The School Board has been looking into an alternate arrangement and we will advise you of the outcome in due course.

Monies raised through voluntary contributions are used to purchase curriculum support materials, such as, readers, maths resources, construction materials, sports gear, musical instruments and computer equipment. Voluntary Contributions may be paid in full, in part or by instalment. Payment can be made at the front office or by being forwarded to the school in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

For 2015 Voluntary Financial Contributions have been set as follows:

- $100.00 per child for the full year or $25.00 per child per term
- This works out at $2.50 per school week or 50 cents per school day.

The Education Act (2004) provides for the school board of a government school to ask parents of a child enrolled at the school, or anyone else, to make a voluntary financial contribution to the school. The regulatory principles state that:

- Each contribution is to be voluntary
- A child at the school is not to be refused benefits or services because the child’s parent do not make a contribution
- A child is not to be harassed for contributions
- Any record of contributions is confidential

Yours sincerely

Amanda Andrews
School Principal

Scott Gurney
Board Chair

5 March 2015

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Payment slip for Voluntary Financial Contributions

Student’s name: ____________________ Class: _______ Student’s name: ____________________ Class: _______