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Dear Parents/Carers

Due to the 3 days only next week, the final edition of schoolweek will come home on Tuesday.

**Correction to MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL – 2015-2016 SCHOOL BOARD Nominations**

Each year Board elections are held in February, to elect school community representatives for a two year term. In February, 2015, the school will be seeking nominations to fill three positions on Mawson Primary School Board. These positions are:

- One Parent & Citizen Representative position
- Two Teacher Representative position

The Board meets regularly during term time at a time suitable to the board members. The role of the Board is to set a broad policy which reflects departmental policies and initiatives. Setting the school's annual budget is worked through in co-operation with the Board. Being on the Board is a great opportunity to get to understand how education works in the ACT, as well as in your child's school. Those who have been on School Boards remark on how much they have learned about what makes it all happen in schools.

If you would like clarification of what the role might entail, please contact Scott Gurney, School Board Chair. Full details will be published in Week 1 of Schoolweek in February 2015. Nominations will be open from 11am Thursday 5 February and close 11am 19 February. The election process will be coordinated by Pam Proud as the assistant returning officer for our school.

**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 with 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.

Keep smiling

Rohan Evans
Acting Principal

**Christmas Craft Stall**

When: Thursday 3:00pm-3:30PM, Friday 8:30am-9:00am.

Where: Mawson Primary's ECO centre or out side the canteen.

Get your Christmas presents home made by the Mawson primary school P&C they are great presents for anyone and we guarantee that anyone who gets a present will love it. Sincerely the P&C.
SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Summer
Top Tip #1 – Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!
If you haven’t learnt it by now you have got to get out there, do the right thing and cover any bare soil and garden beds with a rough, coarse mulch to stop the soil drying out and your plants suffering. Mulch can slash your water loss by up to 70% and could be gravel if you are in a fire-risk area.

Top Tip #2 – Top up your wetting agents
Sad as it is even the best wetting agent will only last 2-3 months and so you may need to reapply now. Remember the ‘finger test’ - if the soil is not wet 2cm down half an hour after watering you have a water repellency problem.

Top Tip #3 – Feeling Blue, Go Green!
Nothing beats getting out under cooling natural plants when the heat is getting you down. Find a shady spot under an iconic aussie tree or sit out in the garden in the evenings. Visit www.actbelongcommit.org.au for more information about mentally healthy communities.

Top Tip #4 – Shade shade shade!
Remember if the sun hits a surface or wall at this time of the year it is going to heat up so break that insidious cycle. Shade cloth, scatter rugs, shade sails - anything will do and they will all help to keep you and your home cooler.

Top Tip #5 – Water early or water late
There is a reason why watering is banned between 9am and 6pm - it just isn’t very efficient. Most of the precious water applied at this time will be lost on a hot day before it gets to your plant roots.

Top Tip #6 – Grow longer lawns
Add one cm or two to your lawn length by raising the height of your mower blades. It will keep the soil cooler and reduce moisture stress and water loss.

Lisa C. 1/2F is an engaged, kind and thoughtful student. She always looks out for her friends, and makes sure people around her feel safe and happy. In class this year she has worked hard to improve her reading and speaking, and grown in confidence in this area. She is always enthusiastic about learning and always ready to help out. Lisa enjoys The Arts and is especially talented at dancing and singing. Lisa is a model citizen and should be very proud of her achievements.

Michael B. 5/6MIP has excellent manners and is a wonderful role-model to other students. He is a good friend and is always willing to support his classmates and assist the teachers. Michael consistently participates to a high standard in all learning tasks. Michael takes pride in the presentation of his art and written tasks. He is an active member of the IT team who ensure the Macbook laptops are updated and available for use by the students of Mawson Primary School.

Payten H. KK approaches each day with a positive attitude. She is a caring, considerate class member. Payten is always the first to offer assistance to peers and teachers alike. She has shown perseverance toward her learning and consistently produces work of a high standard. Her caring, understanding personality means she is considered a friend to all her class mates.

Sabina S 3K is a conscientious student who always strives to do her best in all situations. She is kind and caring and she is always willing to help people in need. Sabina is respectful of the classroom environment and takes pride in all that she does. Congratulations
Could parents please collect all lost property and lunch boxes that have no names or they will be given to a charity. They are located at the front office foyer. Thank you.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2014
WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2014

FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2015
for
NEW STUDENTS INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN
MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2015
RETURNING STUDENTS
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2015.

ACT 2015 SCHOOL TERM DATES
Term 1 Monday 2 February to Friday 10 April
Term 2 Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3 Monday 25 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4 Monday 12 October to Wednesday 18 December

YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY 9:15AM

LAST BANKING DAY FOR 2014
THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER (Week 9)
There will be no banking in Week 10

Order now for discounts on
Back to School
Bulk Orders over $1000

Order between the 13th-28th November 2014 to receive a 5% discount off your order. If you elect to receive your order by the 19th December 2014, you'll receive an additional 2% off.
Discount valid on NSW Back to School Bulk orders over $1,000 and applied at time of order processing.
LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING – TOMORROW 11/12/14

Tomorrow (11/12/14) will be the LAST DAY for school banking for 2014.

No rewards can be redeemed on 11/12/14 (the last day for ordering a reward was 4/12/14). If you have any silver tokens left, keep them in a safe place so you can put them towards new rewards in 2015.

Rewards that have been already been ordered but aren’t received from the bank by 11/12/14 will be distributed to the classrooms.

School Banking will commence on Thursday 12th February 2015

P&C Christmas Gift Stall

When: Thursday 11 December
3:00-3:30pm
Friday 12 December
Time: 8.30 – 9.30am

Cookbook
Delicious

Available at school office

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HELPING EVERYONE AT MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL FIND THEIR FIT FOR SPORT

YOUR WHOLE FAMILY CAN ENJOY SOME GREAT BENEFITS, INCLUDING:

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$5 VOUCHER
PRESENT THIS SCHOOL VOUCHER WHEN PURCHASING A PAIR OF SCHOOL SHOES AT THE ATHLETE’S FOOT
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With a shoe expertly fitted by one of the Athlete’s Foot Fit Technicians, your child will have the right support for all of the school activities and sports they take part in every day.

The Athlete’s Foot stock a range of Ascent and Clarks school shoes to ensure there are options for everyone.

Even better, $5 from every pair of shoes purchased is donated back to our school. This applies to your whole family across their fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FIT

- Every child’s foot is different and they continue to develop until they’re 18.
- Due to continual growth and development, it’s essential to get their feet measured properly every time they need new shoes.
- Every school day is filled with a range of different physical activities.
- The right fit helps performance and reduces the risk of injury and problems.
- With The Athlete’s Foot highly trained Fit Technicians, getting the right fit is easy through width options and ½ sizes.

SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

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$5 SCHOOL REWARDS
PRESENT THIS REWARD VOUCHER WHEN PURCHASING A PAIR OF SHOES AT THE ATHLETE’S FOOT CANBERRA STORES AND $5 WILL BE DONATED TO MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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