School photo day is on **Thursday 10 April 2014.** Envelopes were sent home with your child last week, please check their bag.

Envelopes are pre-named and barcoded for individual students, could parents please check that spelling of names is correct.

**Please make any changes in RED.**

Envelope and money are to be returned on photo day **only** and given to the photographer.

**Late orders attract a surcharge.**

**DO NOT SEND PAYMENT BEFORE PHOTO DAY.**

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Information Session**

Families and members of the community are invited to attend an information session focusing on how ACT public schools and families can work in partnership to support gifted and talented students in ACT public schools. This information session will take place at 5:30–6:30pm on **Tuesday 8 April** at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT. Registration for this session is not required and tea, coffee, water and juice will be provided beforehand.

**School Board**

Congratulations to Andrew Pritchard (Casper 3K & Vivienne KK) and Aleisha Broadhead (Kaylah KF) who have been elected parent representatives for the 2014/15 school board. Nikki Forbutt has been re-appointed as a teacher representative, supporting Stacey Meyer who continues on in her second year in 2014.

Mawson staff, students and families would like to thank Peter Hunter and Ashley Golding (parent representative), for their commitment to our school during the time they were members of the Board.

**ANZAC Day Assembly**

This will be held on Friday 11 April at 12:45pm. The students, staff and families will participate in a short ceremony to recognize the importance and meaning of ANZAC Day for all Australians.

**Medication at School**

If your child requires medication during the school days parents are required to negotiate with the Front Office staff, or the Principal, about the safe administration of the medication. Students should not keep medication in their schoolbags and all medication must be clearly labelled with the student’s name and the required dosage.

**Iphone and Android App**

Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our **Skoolbag School App**. To install it, just search for our school name “Mawson Primary School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.
Would you like some ideas about how to help your child at home with reading and writing?

Find out how to
- support your child with reading and writing
- encourage your child to read and write more at home
- increase your child’s confidence.

When: Wednesday 9th April
Where: Mawson Primary School Library
Time: 9.30—10.15am (straight after your child’s Learning Journey)
RSVP: Monday 7th April

I wish to attend the Mawson Primary Literacy Information Session on Wednesday 9th April.

Name:______________________________________________________________
Child’s Name:_____________________________________________________
Child’s Class:_____________________________________________________
PLEASE COME TO MY  
LEARNING JOURNEY  

When: Wednesday 9 April 2014  
Time: 8:30 – 9:30 am  
Where: Mawson Primary School  

Some Questions you may like to ask your child at the Learning Journey:  
How did you do this work?  
What did you learn from doing this?  
Why did you want to show this work?  
What did you enjoy about doing this?  

Please remember that children are receptive and respond well to positive feedback. Encourage your child to discuss their work samples and activities with you. Positive praise and encouragement promote success and happiness to your child.  

EARTH HOUR  Lights Out For the Reef!  

Did you know that Earth Hour started in Sydney in 2007? Now it is a global event that takes place in 7000 cities across more than 150 countries. Earth Hour isn’t just about lights off. It’s about people across the world coming together throughout the year to join forces to improve the planet.  
This year the major focus is on saving our Great Barrier Reef. Everyone can make a difference by doing small things such as turning off lights and appliances, recycling and reducing the materials and energy that they use every day.  
Our students will further reduce their use of energy this coming Friday in their classrooms; to acknowledge Earth Hour which took place last Saturday 8:30-9:30pm.
MIP information session

Thank you to all the interested parents and carers who turned up to our information session last Wednesday evening and thank you to the staff in attendance. It gave insight into the current program and has sparked discussions across the whole school. Information is being collated and will be disseminated to interested parties. For a copy of this or to add feedback, please send your email address to mawsonprimary.pc@gmail.com or like us on Facebook: facebook.com/mawsonprimary.pc.

Parent Survey: Cyber-bullying

News from the ACT P&C Council has indicated that University researchers are exploring the incidence of cyber-bullying in Australian youth and how it is managed. They have a short, anonymous online survey and are seeking parents to complete it. www.acsso.org.au/youth-exposure-to-and-management-of-cyberbullying-incidents/

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are back in April – Pre-orders are open now!!! Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! When people pre-order their Membership you receive six Early Order Bonus Offers that they can use straight away. When you order through our online order page you will receive a link to download and print off your six selected offers. If you wish to pay cash for your Membership please contact Amanda Pitkin (Apitkin7@gmail.com) to arrange your order and your bonus offers.

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Banking News

Dollarmite Rewards: For the keen bankers at Mawson Primary, many students have collected (or are about to collect) 10 tokens. Some of you may even have a gold token (=10 silver tokens)!

As well as our underwater themed items for 2014, we also have some stock from last year available. You can simply put a note in your yellow Dollarmites wallet to order your reward. Items currently on offer are:
- Scented pencils (new)
- Handball (new)
- Blue wallet
- Money box (Pru, Spen or Pat the Dog)
- Knuckles game
- Headphones

So if you have 10 silver tokens (or 1 gold token) you can redeem a prize. New reward items will be available next term.
NATA’s ‘Young Scientists of the Year Awards’ competition for 2014 is now open!!

The competition is open to students across Australia aged between seven and 12 years of age who will be competing to win $3,000 for their school PLUS $500 for themselves or their group!

Information about the Awards and an entry form can be downloaded from the NATA website http://www.nata.com.au

Mandarin for Kids (5-12 years old) Term 2, 2014
@ Mawson Primary School
Start Date: 5 May (Monday) and 8 May (Thursday)
Time: 3-4 p.m.
Cost: $145 per child (9 lessons)
A great after-school program for your child to learn more about Chinese Language and Culture.

For more information, please go to our LCF website www.lcfclubs.com.au
Register or Enquire now with Sarah Mak @0431252768 or sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au