



26 March 2015



"To provide a learning environment where all students can achieve personal success"

COMING EVENTS 活动预告

27 March	Assembly 12:45pm	2 April	Breakfast club 8:15am
31 March	Learning Journey Years 3-6 8:30-9:30am	2 April	Banking day
1 April	School photos	3 April	Good Friday
		6 April	Easter Monday

Dear Parent/Carer

THANKYOU TO THE WONDERFUL PARENTS FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN ORGANISING HARMONY DAY AND PROVIDING A GREAT VARIETY OF YUMMY FOOD.

Congratulations

As mentioned in the first edition of Schoolweek, Ms Sharon Fellows has been acting in the Deputy Principal's role at Garran Primary School this term. Sharon has been successful in winning this position, on a permanent basis and we congratulate her on this promotion. Sharon has been a strong supporter of our school in the 12 months she has been with us, working with Preschool to Year 2 teachers, students and their families.

Farewell

Rohan Evans has been the Deputy Principal at Mawson for five and a half years. To gain experience in a different educational setting, next term Rohan moves to Hughes Primary. Rohan has contributed much to our school during the time he has been at Mawson and will be missed by teachers, students and families. As the very proud Principal of Mawson Primary School, I have appreciated his leadership in a range of initiatives that have provided our students with quality educational opportunities.

We wish Rohan and Sharon all the very best in their new schools and thank them for their professionalism and commitment to Mawson Primary School.

P&C 2015

I was delighted to attend the Mawson Primary P&C Association's annual general meeting on Thursday 5 March, where Patricia Stewart, mother of Serenity and Nicole, was elected President for 2015.

I would like to thank Pam Proud, 2014 President, for her leadership of the 2014 P&C Association and to the 2014 committee members, for their efforts and support for the school. A special thank you needs to go to Janelle Patten, who was a member of the P&C for over ten years.

Learning Journeys

Due to Year 4, 5 & 6 camp in week 10 3N, 3/4D, 4/5M, 5/6M and 5/6MIP will have their Learning Journeys next **Tuesday 31 March** (Week 9), from 8:30-9:30am.

KA, KK, KM, 1P, 1L, 1I, 2A and 2F will have their Learning Journeys on **Wednesday 8 April** (Week 10), from 8:30-9:30am. On this day there will also be a parent session on how to support your child at home with Literacy and Numeracy. This session runs from 9:30-10:30am

Warmest Regards
Amanda Andrews
Principal

School photo day is on **Wednesday 1 April 2015**. Envelopes were sent home with your child this 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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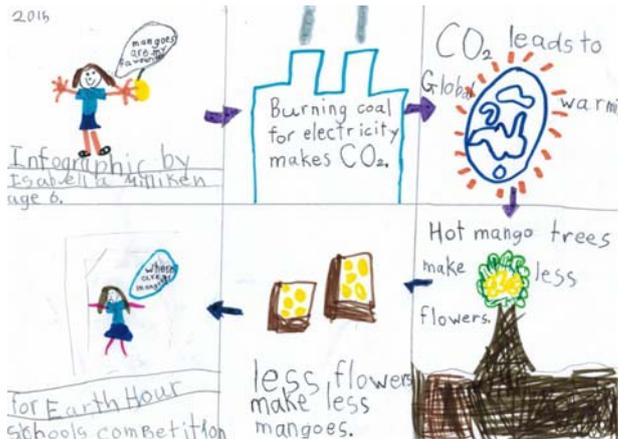
BE PROUD OF MAWSON

Thanks to Mawson Primary's efforts in building strong parent and teacher partnerships through the "Getting to know you" interviews and the information night, Isabella's teacher Miss Nicole Parker knew that the project was one which would suit Isabella's interests. The purpose built Environment Centre at the school also kept environmental sustainability matters in the forefront of Isabella's mind.

Isabella was keen on taking up the challenge and looked at mangoes which are one of her favourite foods. With her interest in conducting research being instilled in her from her time at the Yarralumla Montessori School, we researched the impact that climate change will have on mangoes. Her infographic was based on an ABC report on mango production in the Top End. After digesting the information she structured the infographic in a way that makes sense to her and to the audience.

Quote from Isabella's parents: "We are immensely grateful to all the family, friends and the school community who showed support for Isabella's entry and the quality education that she has received and continues to receive in ACT public schools."

Isabella's Entry



Earth Hour Winner Announcement

<https://www.facebook.com/earthhoutraustralia/photos/a.10150426205225117.624946.94410305116/10155319377410117/?type=1&theater>

Meet the winner of the Earth Hour Primary Schools Competition – Isabella Milliken, from Mawson Primary School, Woden, ACT. The six-year-old's entry was an infographic drawing highlighting the effects that global warming has on mango trees. The colourful design was selected by the judges for its creative reflection on a young Aussie's view of climate change affecting food and farming.



Earth Hour is an Australian campaign designed to draw attention to tackling global warming and get people talking about what we can do to help. The signature "lights off" event will take place on 28 March where businesses and households are encouraged to switch their lights off for an hour between 8:30pm-9:30pm to show their support for taking action against climate change. They wish to shed a light on how rising carbon pollution from burning coal and gas can have a grave impact on global warming which affects farming and food security.

One of the ways in which children can be more involved with the campaign is by entering into the Earth Hour Schools Competition where they were asked to produce an infographic, video, image, poem or story about how climate change is affecting their favourite food or farming region of Australia. The entries closed on Monday 9 March 2015. There were three stages to the competition. Entries were firstly shortlisted and then the public were asked to vote for the shortlisted entries on Facebook with each "like" being counted as one vote. The most popular entries were sent for judging by a panel of prominent Australians.

PRESCHOOL 2016 ENROLMENTS IMPORTANT – ENROLMENT PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED

Enrolments open on **Tuesday, 28 April 2015** – Day 1, Term 2 .

Do not enrol prior to this date.

ONLINE enrolments must be completed at:

www.det.act.gov.au – Application for Enrolment of Student in ACT Public Schools.

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KA – The Green Sheep



Being creative with our construction activity.



The Green Sheep of KA



We used watercolors to paint these sheep inspired by The Green Sheep by Mem Fox.



Working as a team to complete puzzles.



KA loves practicing our handwriting with shaving cream

3/4 MIP NEWS

New iPads for MIP students

Many thanks to the families who paid the MIP voluntary contribution last year. In Week 2, Term 1, MIP students received 10 new iPads that had been purchased through these contributions, It marked another digital learning step for our students in the classroom. From e-book and e-learning games on the SmartBoard and individual learning on iPads, our students have opportunities to experience a range of interactive instruction.

The iPads will enable our students to share their learning experiences, as well as cater for individual learning levels. We are looking forward to purchasing more iPads this year through the voluntary contributions.

Our next aim is to use a new program called "Language Perfect" on the iPads, for all learners to have personal learning plans in class and at home.

Personal text book Ni Hao 1

At the parent information night this term, I introduced the MIP senior student text book – *Ni Hao*. Families have expressed their interest in the book and some have purchased the book for their child. The students been have excited and interested since they have started using these in the classroom and at home. Many students



keep track of their learning in their book and review the classwork at home. For the parents who would like to download the ebook on your family PC for your child to study at home, you can go to the *Ni Hao* book website and download your ebook for free, as you have already purchased the license when you bought the book. The *Ni Hao* book website is - <http://www.chinasoft.com.au>.



Ni Hao Downloads

Ni Hao is developed by ChinaSoft Pty Ltd, Australia

Question...

Answer the following question about the Ni Hao 1 textbook 3rd Ed then click Continue.

What is the English meaning of the fifth character in the list on page 50?

A:

Go to download on the top bar, click "continue" on *Ni Hao* Downloads page, then fill in the school information if you like or you can just click "continue". Then you will need your book's ISBN to fill in the question which you can find on the second page of the book: 97818xxxxxxx. Then the website will ask you a random question that you can find in your book, such as: (see the image)

In this example you just need to type: "mother" and then press "continue" The next question is about the PC system and in most cases you will select the "window 7 or later." In the next page you select "Agree" for the agreement. On the next page you click "Download" to start the downloading task. It will usually take 10 – 15 minutes to download. Once the download is completed, you need to run the .exe file to your PC. So click the download and your PC will ask you if you allow this file to install in your PC. Once you finish your installation, you can go to start menu and find the *Ni Hao 1* eText has installed. You can open it and your child can tell you how to use this ebook. Enjoy it and let me know if there are any issues. You can write your question down and ask your child to pass the note to me, and then I can show your child the solution to the problem in class so they can tell you the answer when they come home.

Harmony Day 2015 3/4MIP

The weather was beautiful and it was a fantastic day, only made possible by the generous contributions of many families. 3/4 MIP students and their families put much effort into dressing up and brought in yummy food to share at school. As a teacher, I am so proud of our MIP and LOTE students. Here are some photos of 3/4 MIP *Harmony Day* and next year, we will do it all over again.

Happy Year of the Sheep!

Cissy Lu

3/4 MIP Teacher



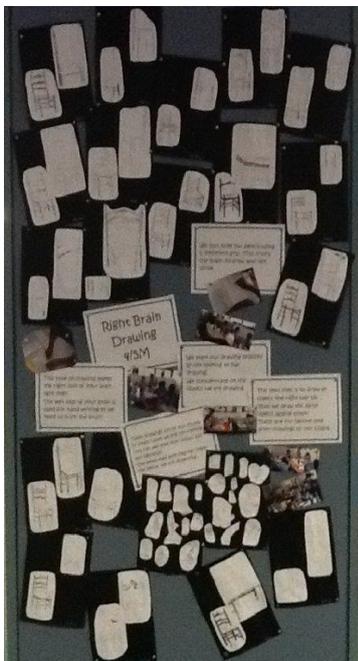
Library News

The library has become a busy place again as classes are coming in to browse and borrow. Each class has an allocated library time each week.

We have a selection of 20 new books that are on display for about 2 weeks. Children can borrow 3 books for 2 weeks. Kindergarten children start with just 1 book. Children need a waterproof library bag to take their library books home. We have an excellent school waterproof library bag, on display in the library, that can be purchased from the front office for \$12 but any ordinary plastic bag with the student name on will do.

This term the library is open at lunchtime on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have a wonderful group of dedicated monitors from Years 4, 5, and 6 who support activities during lunchtime and help out with library tasks. Our changed library layout is a great hit. The children are enjoying finding the quiet spots to sit and read on our new cushions. Feel free to drop by and have a look.

Daphne Taylor - Teacher Librarian



Right brain drawing 4/5M
front office display



These generous community-minded businesses have not only sponsored our community but have also given us exclusive deals via our FREE SOCs coupons. All we have to do is use our SOCs coupons - as the more our sponsors see their coupons being used, the more they will continue with their support.

1. Don't buy them. Don't sell them. Just use them!
2. If you can't use them, give them to someone who will!
3. Say THANK-YOU!

Drop into our sponsors and even if you don't use up their SOCs coupon just say THANK-YOU for supporting our community! ...And remember...

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If you are a business who would like to be part of our SOCs community, contact info@CommunitySOCs.org or 0403 123 161.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES 2015
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)**

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3-6 students to gain a measure of their achievement in an external testing situation.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the test report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

High quality UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students

Students who receive the highest score in each year level receive a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student is as follows and dates of competitions are listed below:

Digital Technologies	\$ 8.00	19 May
Science -	\$ 8.00	3 June
Writing -	\$18.00	15-19 June
Spelling-	\$12.00	16 June
English -	\$ 8.00	28 July
Mathematics	\$ 8.00	11 August
All the above -	\$62.00	



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Permission slip and entry fees need to be in by **Monday 6 April, week 10 term 1. Late entries cannot be accepted.**

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the following 2015 ICAS Competitions

Digital Technologies	\$ 8.00
Science	\$ 8.00
Writing	\$18.00
Spelling	\$12.00
English	\$ 8.00
Mathematics	\$ 8.00
All of the above	\$62.00

Please find enclosed \$ _____ entry fee Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

COMMUNITY NOTICES 社会团体的通知

Do not pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

ACT Chief Health Officer Dr Paul Kelly is reminding the community not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT. The Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible wild mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms grow mainly near established oak trees in mild, moist weather typically observed in late summer and autumn.

All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe to eat. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

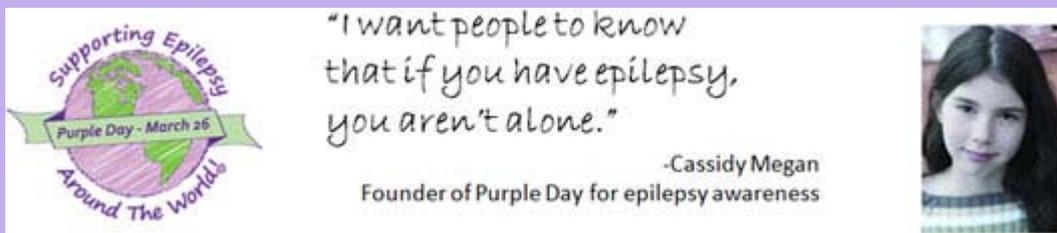
A fact sheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.

Authorised by Paul Kelly Chief Health Officer, Population Health, Health Directorate

EPILEPSY DAY



On 26 March people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness.



ABOUT PURPLE DAY

- Purple Day is a grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On 26 March each year, people from around the globe are asked to wear purple and spread the word about epilepsy.
- Purple Day was founded in 2008, by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, Canada. Motivated by her own struggles with epilepsy, Cassidy started Purple Day in an effort to get people talking about the disorder and inform those with seizures that they are not alone. She named the day Purple Day after the internationally recognised colour for epilepsy, lavender.
- Thousands of people, schools and workplaces have joined the campaign, wearing purple to work and hosting Purple Day events and promotions.
- Epilepsy Australia is the official Australian partner of Purple Day and has joined up with other epilepsy organisations from across the globe including Canada, USA, UK and South Africa to make Purple Day even bigger.
- Epilepsy Queensland is the Queensland member of Epilepsy Australia and is proud to have the official role of promoting Purple Day throughout Queensland.

YOU CAN HELP US TO UNMASK EPILEPSY

You can become involved and help us to increase awareness of epilepsy and raise much needed funds for Epilepsy Queensland. By doing so, your valued fundraising efforts will assist to provide vital services and programs for the 94,000 Queensland children and adults living with epilepsy. Wear purple on 26 March and encourage others to do the same - from wearing an awareness ribbon to dressing in purple or going all out and dying your hair purple!

Host a Purple awareness/fundraising party/event/activity at home, school, work or play and donate the proceeds to Epilepsy Queensland - no matter how small or large - every \$\$ is greatly appreciated.

Become a Purple Day Hero. Each donation is recorded on your page along with their messages of support. Please go to www.everydayhero.com.au/event/purpleday.

Make a **tax deductible donation to Epilepsy Queensland** [Click here to securely make your online donation.](#)

The **Purple Pledge Project** is an Epilepsy Queensland initiative to raise awareness of epilepsy and dispel the myths surrounding the condition. It takes the form of a pledge to be signed by MPs and members of the public after reading the [Ten Facts about Epilepsy](#). The Pledge can be signed either [online](#) or via a supplied [Purple Pledge Form](#) or for further information [Click here](#).

Dear Families

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has started working with ACT residents who may be eligible to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The schedule for when people start working with the NDIS is referred to as 'phasing'.

The current phase, January-March, is for students in years 7-12. From April, the NDIA will be focussing on primary school age children.

In order to meet with the NDIA to see how we may help you and your child, you must submit an NDIS Access Request Form. There is also an Evidence of Disability Form that needs to be completed with information on your child's disability or developmental delay.

The NDIA will be sending out Access Kits to families of every child in years K-6 accessing a Disability Education Program. These kits need to be completed and returned to the NDIA as quickly as possible. The NDIA will then assess your child's eligibility for the NDIS.

The NDIA is able to assist you to complete these forms if required. You can call the NDIA on 6146 8200 or email ACTaccess@ndis.gov.au

The NDIA will also be holding information sessions at local schools over the next few months and it is hoped that you are able to attend. These sessions will focus on the NDIS, how to apply and the planning process. If you are having trouble with the Access Request Form or Evidence of Disability Form you can also bring them along to these sessions and we will help you complete them. These sessions will be advertised on the Education and Training Directorate website <http://www.det.act.gov.au>.

The NDIA is also running pre-planning workshops – a schedule is on the NDIS website <http://www.ndis.gov.au/news/events>.

More information on the NDIS can be found on the NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au

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