



26 November 2014



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

COMING EVENTS

活动预告

27 November Breakfast club 8:15am
27 November Banking day
28 November Assembly 9:15am
2 December PS-MT visit Kindergarten

4 December PS-TF visit Kindergarten
4 December Reports home
8-12 December Parent/teacher interview
12 December Year 6 Graduation
17 December Last day of Term.

Book Pack Order Forms for 2015

Are going home with your child this Friday. Please ask your child for this when they get home. Read the instructions carefully on "how to place your order online". Simply log in with the password given on the book pack lists and view Mawson Primary School's booklist and finalise your order. NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FRONT OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL, ALL ORDERS TO BE DONE ONLINE.

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week we had last week. We hosted new Preschool and Kindergarten parents at the annual information sessions and witnessed a fabulous concert that showcased what talented students Mawson Primary has in its midst. Thanks to Shannon and Lara, who spoke at the well attended Kindergarten information session, about their recollections of starting Kindergarten and the range of things we do at our school. Parent Board member, Andrew Pritchard, spoke about the role of the School Board, with Pam Proud, P&C Association President, spoke about the P&C.

Concert

The concert is being termed 'The Showcase of the Year' and I full heartedly agree. From feedback we received parents were delighted to see their child or children share some of the work they had prepared through the dramatic and visual arts, dance and song. As well as the photos you can see here there will also be some on display in the front foyer next week.

Amanda will be on leave from Thursday 27 November to Tuesday 9 December, due to family commitments.



For parents who were unable to attend the information sessions our friendly front office staff can be contacted to send you any information. Alternatively perspective

Preschool parents can contact the Preschool for an information pack.

Reports

This year the student reports will be coming home next Thursday, 4 December. This is a chance for you to celebrate the achievements of your child. Students who participate in the Mandarin Immersion Program will receive an additional report. As our MIP students have greater access to learning Mandarin than students in other schools they will be graded against the Mawson Mandarin Curriculum document which is more advanced than the Australian Curriculum:

Chinese document. The Mawson Primary students who participate in the LOTE Mandarin program will be graded using the Australian Curriculum: Chinese document, the same as all other students in the ACT that currently learn Mandarin. If you wish this clarified further please don't hesitate to make an appointment with any one of our Mandarin teachers.

Preschool End of Year Concerts



Preschool parents; don't forget to mark the very important Preschool Concert in your diaries.

Possums: Friday 12 December at 1.00pm.

Koalas: Tuesday 16 December at 1.00pm.

Each concert will be followed by an end of year afternoon tea. We ask families to bring a plate of food to share. The Preschool P&C will supply the iceypops!

Swim and Survive Program



If your child is participating in the Swim and Survive program run by the Royal Life Saving Society. The lessons are 30 minutes each running for ten days from Monday

24 November till Friday 5 December 2014. The lessons will be conducted at CISAC Belconnen. The students will be transported to and from the pool by bus.

Junior student (Kinder to year 1) lessons will commence at 12.55pm. In order to get to the pool by this time the bus will need to leave school at 12:25pm sharp. We ask that these junior students come school dressed in swimmers and school uniform.. Junior students will return to school by 2pm.

Senior students (year 2 - 6) lessons commence at 1.30pm. The bus will leave school at 1pm. The children will be given the opportunity have lunch and change before the bus departs. Students will return to school by 2.40pm.

Please ensure your child has the following items:

- Swimmers
Towel
Plastic bag for wet clothes
Additional t-shirt and shorts.

Thank you for your Gold Coin Donation

With your help we raised \$230.30 at the concert for

Mr Happy's Project Box Seat.

Project Box Seat provides a special treat for children with cancer, many of whom can't go to the cinema or socialise normally with their friends because of their condition, by putting a state-of-the art entertainment system in their home for a period of time.

Student Injury—Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

You may remember that, earlier this year, our newly-formed 3/4 and 5/6 choirs participated in the ACT Arts Showcase, *Step Into the Limelight* at the AIS Arena. Recently, the school was presented with a plaque to congratulate us on our involvement, which will be displayed near the front office. Each participating student will also receive a special certificate. A professional DVD was made of the AIS performance, and these can be ordered for \$20 by completing the form included in this newsletter.

Sharon Fellows
Executive Teacher

Mulberry Leaves Needed

The Preschool needs mulberry leaves for our silk worms. If you have a mulberry tree at home please bring in some leaves to the Preschool.

4MIP NEWS

At the end of 2014 academic calendar year, 4MIP would like to share our Mandarin learning journey with our families and friends to celebrate our students' hard work and excellent outcomes.

Curriculum Learning:

We have achieved one of our language skills goals for the end of 2014 – the National Curriculum Chinese Grade 4 and 5 Achievement Standard. Throughout our two days of the MIP program, 4MIP students were able to study 11 lessons with 4 parts in each lesson. Students have been learning how to pronounce words, sentence and paragraphs and had the opportunities to listen to recordings of lessons, which included sentences and paragraphs. 4MIP have been introduced to using iPads as a tool for listening exercises and translation practices. This year, 4MIP students have also learnt how to use the iPads to put Chinese Characters into print. Students learnt how to dictate Chinese characters, Pinyin and handwriting into sentences and paragraph writings. There are a variety of levels accommodated in accordance to the students' capability.

Extra Curriculum Activities:

4MIP students have had many opportunities to enrich their Mandarin language skill through extra curriculum activities this year.

Art skill display – Chinese New Year Celebration Craft Competition, ACT Panda Competition, Chinese Sister School Correspondence and many occasional greeting cards have provided opportunities for our students to kinaesthetically express their feelings, imagination and organisational skills.

Social skill practice – Being part of the hospitality welcome to the Taiwan and Singapore Overseas students at Mawson was an experience for our students to understand that overseas exchange programs are one of the popular language and culture study methods in the world.

Responsible and Cooperation skill training – The annual Harmony Day and China Day were two main cultural diversity celebration events at Mawson this year. 4MIP students have taken on many major responsibilities and cooperation roles during these special school days.

Performance and reflection skill presentation – Throughout the year, 4MIP had many opportunities to participate in performances, excursions and written reflections on events. Examples include China Day, ACT Speech Competition, the end of year concert and special guests visiting school assemblies. Students did not only learn how to sing and dance but also learnt how to look after their own clothes, change costumes and be independent while taking directions.

4MIP students have been part of the Mawson MIP program for the last two years and I was most fortunate to be their Mandarin teacher during this period. I wish them all the best for their next year's Mandarin learning and achieving high standards in the future. I am just one of many proud teachers and staff at Mawson.

Cissy Lu
4MIP Teacher

MANDARIN SPEAKING AWARD CEREMONY EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 5 November, Year 3 and 4 MIP classes attended the Mandarin Awards Ceremony at the Hedley Bare Centre. We left the school at about 9:15am and went on the bus. I was carrying a tray full of colourful karate type clothes. Lily and Iris sat behind me and we chatted whilst we were driving. The drive took about 20 minutes to get there.

When we got there we quietly walked to the entrance and walked up some stairs to the performance room. We were the only primary school there. We took our seats and waited for everyone to get there. The first thing was a welcoming from the main presenter and then we listened to Diane Joseph's speech. She is Director General, of the Education and Training Directorate. My classes' award winners were Patricia S. and Ryan T.

Every school attending did a showcase and there was some videos sent in as well. The first performance was our school 3MIP, "The Dance of Youth". It was a nice Chinese dance. My class performed WhuShu gymnastics; I was in the second row, wearing a red karate cloak. After the last performance we headed down to an eating room and there was heaps of delicious foods, like chocolate cake and prawn crackers. We sat down and chatted while we ate our delicious food. After that we headed out of the building with our teachers Ms Lu and Ms Chen. We all had our rewards while we were waiting our return bus. I collected a pretty decoration of a Beijing opera mask. It was very nice of them to give us prizes. We hopped on the bus and rode to school. It was a really fun day and I hope I can go again next year. – **By Bella W**

That was the end of the ceremony and we headed to an eating place and we discovered mass amounts of delicious food. From cakes to prawn crackers literally everything was delicious. I had some chocolate cake, watermelon, cheese cake, triangle ping roll and some prawn crackers. My friends and I chatted and ate for around an hour.

Ms Lu gave us all prizes and I got an opera mask hanging that and very nice. We waited a while for the bus which happened to be late. I sat at the very back with Lily F. and Iris H. When we got back it was around 1:15pm or so and we got extra play time and finished our day in the non MIP classroom.

Overall it was an amazing day and I hope. **By Poppy K.**

FUCHUN PRIMARY SCHOOL (SINGAPORE) EXCHANGE STUDENTS VISITED MAWSON

At 9:00am Fuchun Primary School arrived at Mawson Primary School. We welcomed Fuchun Primary School by waving flags, and singing "It's a small world" in Mandarin as a welcome message. They showed us some games and explained some of their culture from Singapore. Afterwards we went back to our classroom and we were assigned a partner to look after until 2:00pm.

Our partner, was a girl named Wang Rui Xin, she joined Bella and I. She was from China and is 11 years old. She was in Year 5 and lived with 7 people who were in her family. Her pets were a hamster and rabbit. She moved to Singapore to study.

We all had lunch, Bella W. and I had sandwiches. She had a wrap and juice and at lunch we played with kites outside. Then where we had a competition, we had to read a piece of paper which had Chinese characters on it. We all got prizes. Wang Rui Xin got a magnet and so did Bella I got a puzzle.

At 1:30pm it was recess and we played badminton. At 1:45pm we had to go to the library where they gave us a picture and a newsletter about the school. We gave them a large koala bear toy for the school and all of the students had a little toy koala to keep for themselves. Then they went on a first class bus to the National Museum. **Saige W.**

After singing our favourite song, three MIP classes got to partner up with the Year 4,5,6 Fuchen students. Then we went into our classroom and sat down with them. Ms Lu told us to partner up with 2 students from Mawson. I chose to partner up with Megan. Then Ms Lu partnered us with a Year 5 girl from Fuchun Primary. Her name was Hazimah. She told us we could call her Hazi for short. We told her our names, too.

During lunchtime, Hazi played with her friends while Megan J. and I played badminton. That's my favourite sport. Megan and I had so much fun outside. After lunch, we told Hazi what we did and Hazi told us what she did with her friends. When we were back in the classroom, she got a booklet where she could write our names, emails, date of birth and phone numbers. We wrote ours for Hazi, too. We also talked about our personality, too. I like making new friends from Singapore where I also lived there for 8 years. Finally we, had to say "Good bye". I would love to meet them again. **Patricia S.**

When we got back to our classes we got into pairs and Ms Lu gave each pair a buddy from Singapore. I was with Iris and our buddy was in year 5 and her name was Purtri. Her favourite colour is blue. At lunch we took Purtri kite flying, we taught her the Nut Bush, played badminton. We then played on the junior playground which I haven't done in years because Ms Lu said we could.

At the end of lunch Iris and I wrote a letter to Purtri that said:

Australia is a lovely place. We have animals hopping all over our space. Sometimes you may see a dead kangaroo on the ground, but Australia has a capital and in the capital there is a school. That school is called Mawson. Lily F. and Iris H. go to school there.

Purtri took lots of photos of us in different ways. The last thing we did was practice a Chinese speech in groups and had a competition. We had recess, then we went to the library and said goodbye when they left. I had to go to recorder and I may never see her again. **Lily W.**

When the Singapore students came they started introducing their country, their traditional games and a lot more. My partner and I took care of a girl named Kailey. She told us nearly all about her. We wrote our email address and gave it to her so we could chat. When it was lunch we played with her and when it was snack she gave me a toy. At 2:00pm they left and we also gave them a koala souvenir. My teacher said they'll come back, and everyone missed them. **Vince P.**

BE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY THIS HOLIDAY

Shopping and wrapping	Decoration and entertainment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Take re-useable bags shopping •Buy wrapping paper and cards made from recycled paper, and reuse it afterwards. •Send e-cards and wrap gifts in reusable items such as a gift bag, tea towel, cloth, scarf or Christmas stocking •Make your own cards and presents – these gifts are more likely to be treasured, extending their life cycle •Treat people to a special experience instead of an item, especially ones that involve spending time with you •Make your own gift labels using last year’s Christmas cards •Be sure your material gift will get used - it may be the thought that counts, but a gift that the receiver does not use may simply be wasted •Choose gifts with minimal packaging, that are durable and don’t require batteries. If you’re giving a battery-operated gift, give a battery recharger too. •If you’re giving or receiving electronic gifts (e.g. TVs, mobile phones, printers and printer cartridges, or computers), find out how to recycle your old and unwanted electronics by visiting Recycling Near You 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Light your Christmas tree with GreenPower and remember to turn it off before you go to bed. •Buy good quality decorations that can be reused many times, or make your own from reused materials. •Plan meals wisely and allow for leftovers to be eaten, this will avoid wasting food and money. For tips on serving sizes, the best way to store food, and recipes that use leftovers, visit Love Food Hate Waste •Use the crockery and cutlery you already own, avoid using disposable products •Much of your food and drink packaging is recyclable, including glass bottles and jars, aluminium cans, foil trays, cardboard packaging, and custard cartons. To check what’s recyclable in your area, visit Recycling Near You •Compost or worm farm your unavoidable food scraps •Collect steel bottle caps for recycling in an empty steel can. Once the can is half-full, squeeze the top closed and put it in the recycling bin – this will stop the tiny lids from falling through sorting machines, and keep valuable steel out of landfill •Flatten aluminium cans, milk and juice cartons, and cardboard boxes to save space in your recycling bin. If you’ve still got too many recyclables to fit in your recycling bin, store the excess until your next scheduled collection or take them to the transfer station a for recycling. •If you choose a live Christmas tree this year, take it to your local recycling facility when you’ve finished with it

FAMILIES OF STUDENTS IN 2014 MANDARIN IMMERSION PROGRAM (MIP) CLASSES

CHILD’S NAME _____ CLASS

Please feel free to use the other side of this letter if needed.

My child/children attend Mawson Primary School because:

My child/ children are in the MIP class because

Strengths of the program

Areas for development

**PLEASE NOTE
ASSEMBLY IN WEEKS
7 AND 8 WILL BE
HELD AT 9:15AM**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from **Monday 8 December to Friday 12 December.**



Don't FORGET!

Reports are coming home on Thursday 4 December

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

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 KINGERGARTEN
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

**BOOK PACK ORDER FORMS
HOME THIS FRIDAY**

**ORDER ONLINE BY 19 DECEMBER 2014
ORDERS PLACED AFTER THIS DATE
WILL
INCUR A \$18.90 DELIVERY FEE.**

MAWSON PRIMARY P&C NEWS-家长代表的新闻



The P&C are holding a BBQ on
 Sunday 30 November
 at Bunnings Tuggeranong
 and would like the communities support



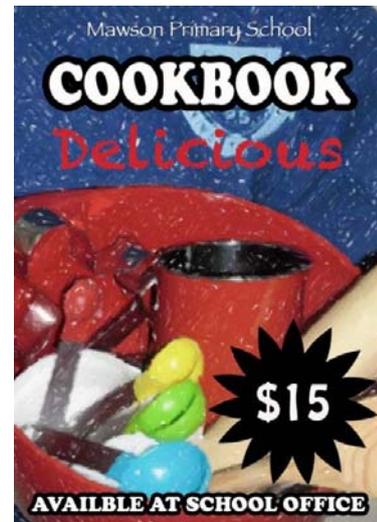
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 Mawson Primary P&C

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Carols by Candle light Sunday 7th December

The Salvation Army, Ainsworth St, Mawson
(Next to Swinger Hill Shops)

- * BBQ from 6.00pm (gold coin donation)
- * Carols start at 7.00pm
- * Santa
- * Glow stick candles
- * Finish approx. 9.00pm



Please bring a rug or fold up chair for your
comfort!



Christmas Day service 9.00am



www.parentingideas.com.au



<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families>

What's on

Thursday 4 December
6:00 to 8:00pm

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Wednesday – Hughes
Thursday – Chifley

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For further information contact Tracey on 0412 772 703
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LIMELIGHT DVD

Information for Parents

A professional video recording was made of the entire
LIMELIGHT PERFORMANCE on FRIDAY NIGHT.

The DVD costs \$20.

Payment Option 1:

If you wish to order this DVD online, please go to

www.imp.act.edu.au/payment

Click on the link: [Westpac's Quickweb payment system](#)

In the 'Student Details' section, rather than put your child's Class/Year level, put the name of your child's school.

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