COMING EVENTS

活动预告

4 December  Breakfast club 8:15am
4 December  Banking Day
4 December  PS-TF visit Kindergarten
4 December  Reports home
5 December  Assembly 9:15am

8-12 December Parent/Teacher interviews
11 December  Board meeting 6pm
17 December  Last day of term
2 February  First day term 1 new students
3 February  First day term 1 returning students

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 four positions on Mawson Primary School Board. These positions are:

- Two Parent & Citizen Representative positions
- 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.

Swimming Lessons

We are into the final week of our swim and survive program. All the teachers have commented on the improvement in the students swimming ability. It was fantastic to see 112 students take up the two week swimming lessons run by Royal Life Saving. We hope to see students take up this fantastic opportunity in 2015. A big thank you to our teachers who have spent time on the buses travelling with the students and sitting in the heated pool area over the last two weeks.

Chief’s Minister’s Reading Challenge

In 2014 the school participated in the Chief’s Minister’s Reading Challenge. Thank you and congratulations to all the students who read 20 books. Special thanks to Paper Chain at Manuka for their $100 voucher in recognition of the school’s participation in the challenge. The money will be spent on books for the library.

Thank you

“Cliff Armitage (also known as DJ Cliff or Mr Happy) would like to thank all the children and parents for the donation of $234.10, raised at last Friday's school concert, to his charity Project Box Seat that puts entertainment systems for a month at a time in the homes of the Canberra region's sickest children. Cliff said that it was a lovely surprise and will help towards replacement of the Project's broken TV set.”

School Fence

Please take extra care in the carpark as the workmen are currently digging holes for the fence posts.

Whole School Excursion to Questacon

Parents are reminded that the Questacon permission notes, medical excursion form and money is to be returned by Monday 9 December.

Keep smiling

Rohan Evans
Acting Principal

Book Pack Order Forms for 2015

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FRONT OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL, ALL ORDERS TO BE DONE ONLINE.
This term, both year 3 and years 5/6 MIP students have demonstrated their learnt Chinese language through a variety of ways, and promoted a cultural understanding between Australia and China.

The 5/6 MIP class performed a traditional Chinese folk theatre (数来宝) in both the school’s China Day and Concert.

This 数来宝 performance is about telling the order of the Chinese zodiac. By performing this item, we have learnt the twelve names of the Chinese zodiac, a range of action verbs and ordinal numbers.

Some of our 5/6 MIP students were the presenters in the school’s China Day assembly where they used English and Chinese to address procedures of the assembly and introduce each performing item.
On the China Day, many 5/6 MIP students dressed themselves up with Chinese costumes. These costumes showed us about some of the designs, features, patterns, decorations and colours of Chinese costumes.

Some of the students joined the “Dragon and Lion” performance which launched the celebration of the China Day assembly.

Two of the senior activity instructors from year 5/6 MIP class demonstrated steps of making a basic Chinese button knot during the China Day.

He is an excellent stage helper in the school concert.

Two of the main school concert presenters who had effectively ensured that the flow of all the performances were in a smooth and timely manner.
This term, our year 3 and years 5/6 MIP students had a very special experience to welcome a group of teachers and students from Singapore Fuchun Primary School. During that day, we communicated with each other using English and Chinese, and we learnt, worked and played together.

We learnt Chinese adjectives altogether, and we made THANK YOU cards for our buddies.

We played a traditional children’s game “Kuti Kuti” altogether. We played in a pair. We have to flip our colourful plastic tokens on top of that of our opponent in order to win in each round.

To enhance and consolidate our Chinese proficiency, we have been continually learning and reviewing Chinese handwriting, stroke order, measure words and sentence structures.
The 3 MIP class performed a traditional Chinese folk song ‘Dance of Youth’ (青春舞曲) in both the school’s China Day and concert. The students were also invited to perform this song in the 2014 ACT Mandarin Presentation Contest Awards Ceremony.

We worked cooperatively to make our costumes for the school concert.

We have been learning a range of prepositions, nouns, directions and Chinese sentence structures. We help each other to consolidate our Chinese learning.
We are coming to the end busy year in the library. **THERE IS NO MORE BORROWING FOR 2014** and we are looking to get back all books as soon as possible to sort, repair, clean and shelve ready for 2015.

Our top borrowing classes for 2014 are

4M, KA, KK and 3K

The children will be bringing home notes about the books they still have out under their name. Sometimes books have been returned but not registered on the computer. Please feel free to send a note or pop into the library if you have any questions about the borrowings of your child.

*Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.*

*Maya Angelou*
This week will be addressing the Human Value of Non-Violence. Non-Violence is the heightened awareness of the unity of life. It is not only restraint from harming others but actively alleviate their pain.

When we practise this value we may experience:

- a feeling of awe and wonder for the universe
- a feeling of the unity of all
- the desire to improve the quality of life for everyone
- a sense of being a part of a larger whole

Consideration
In practicing this value an atmosphere of peace and happiness is created which promotes agreement and cooperation.

Consideration is being aware of the feelings, likes and dislikes and needs of all living things and then acting accordingly. It is the ability to put oneself in another person’s shoes.

When we practise consideration we:

- show respect for other people’s opinions
- understand that individuals view things differently
- show others that we value them which leads to us being more likeable and valued by others
- develop good relationships because we are able to adjust and compromise to meet the needs of others
- do not ignore our own needs so that we become resentful of our actions

Practicing consideration within the home will lead to a more harmonious society because it creates in us an inner peace. With the amount of violence in our societies the practise of consideration is sadly missing. Remember that we can make a difference. Our children learn from our example.

Bunnings BBQ
Thank you to the dedicated parents at both the Preschool and Primary School for their assistance with our fundraiser barbeque on Sunday at Bunnings Tuggeranong. It was a successful day and the storms didn’t dampen anyone’s spirit. Great work everybody!

School Banking
It’s the end of the year and it’s best to order your reward items this week if you want it to arrive before the end of term.

There are 3 items still available from this year’s stock:
- Sea Streamers
- Shark Keyring
- Scented Pencils

If you had your heart set on the Projector Cup or Swimming Bag, you can still order them this year but they will be delivered first term. They were obviously more popular than the bank anticipated!

Also on offer:
- Spen Moneybox
- Pru Moneybox
- Blue Wallet
- Knuckles Jacks Game
- Headphones
- Beachball (new!)
- Slap band ruler (new!)

To order any of these items, simply write them on a piece of paper and put it in your banking wallet this week. If you forget, we will accept late reward orders up until Monday 8th December (just leave a note at the school office for collection).
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from Monday 8 December to Friday 12 December.

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.

Reports are coming home tomorrow Thursday 4 December

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

PLEASE NOTE ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK WILL BE HELD AT 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-30th November 2014 to receive a 3% discount off your order. Plus if you elect to receive your order by the 16th 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.
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