



23 July 2015

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

**COMING EVENTS** 活动预告

24 July	Assembly 12:45pm	30 July	Banking day
28 July	ICAS English		
30 July	Breakfast club 8:15am		

Dear Parents/Carers

It was wonderful to see our students and teachers safely back at school for the start of Term 3. The staff and students would like to welcome our new families to the best school in the universe.

There are a number of events occurring this term, including the Yrs 2-6 Athletics carnival **Wednesday 5 August**. Other events include the P&C's Book Fair, Book Week, National Science Week, ACT Science Fair and National Literacy and Numeracy Week. In early September we will hold the annual *Great Book Swap* that celebrates books and reading, while raising funds for Indigenous student's literacy support. The Education and Training Directorate's School Satisfaction Survey for staff, parents and Years 5 & 6 students will also take place this term.

**Welcome**

To Ms Lauren Richardson Deputy Principal and Ms Liz Bujaroski Executive teacher Yrs 3-6.

**National Tree Day Tomorrow 2-3pm**

Tree planting and relocation of shrubs to Chinese courtyard.

**Help needed.**

**GAFE**

Last term in week 9 a letter went home about the commencement of the google app (GAFE) initiative. **Please return forms by tomorrow Friday 24 July. The school recognises that some families may need more time to consider giving consent for their child to participate in GAFE.**

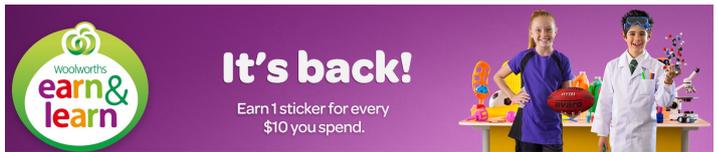
**DEMOLITION OF 'MR FLUFFY' AFFECTED HOMES**

The ACT Government, with the support of experienced licensed asbestos removalists, licensed asbestos assessors

and demolition contractors, with oversight from WorkSafe ACT and ACT Environment Protection Authority, have begun the process to safely demolish houses affected by 'Mr Fluffy' loose fill asbestos over the next few years. Some of these homes are located in the same suburb as schools.

Parents and Carers who may wish to know more about the demolition process can access information from the Asbestos Response Taskforce website:

[www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au](http://www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au)



Woolworths Earn & Learn program is on again. This program is a fantastic opportunity for our School to get new educational equipment. **It's simple to participate**, when anyone from the school community, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets they have been provided. They'll get one sticker for every \$10 they spend. Once they complete their sticker sheets they can place them in a collection box, at either your school or local Woolworths.

Warmest regards  
Amanda Andrews  
Principal

**Save the Date**

**Mawson Primary School Science Night and World Record Stargazing Event  
Friday 21 August**

**Students and their families will be able to participate in science experiments from 6:30-8:15pm.**

**Stargazing will take place at 8:30pm**

As part of our annual Science night we are joining in an attempt to create a new world record for the number of people across Australia simultaneously looking through a telescope at the night sky. This attempt is being organised by the ANU and Mt Stromlo Observatory.

More information and the opportunity to purchase telescopes for \$5 each will be in Schoolweek.



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# EALD NEWS

EAL/D learners are bilingual learners and many are multilingual learners! At Mawson Primary, we recognise that these learners are *linguistically skilled* and that they have some cognitive advantages over monolingual learners, such as having more flexible and creative brains which are better at problem solving.

If you are a parent of an EAL/D learner, we actively encourage you to continue to speak your mother tongue with your children. Many parents feel that they need to speak English to their children to support them in their school work; we want to reassure you that it is beneficial to speak your home language with your children! Language and literacy experiences in a student's mother tongue helps them to make sense of English, and learning to read and write in the home language is helpful for learning to read and write in English. There are also important social and emotional benefits to maintaining the mother tongue.

If you would like help with improving your own English language skills, there are course available such as those offered at the Canberra Institute of Technology (see information below).

## Is English your second or third language?

Would you like to improve your English grammar, speaking, writing or pronunciation skills?

You might be working full time, but need more English language skills to progress your career.

CIT's day and evening options at CIT Gungahlin and CIT Reid work for families with busy lifestyles.

We have basic or more advanced nationally recognised English language courses designed to give you skills for employment or further study.

### Enrolment Sessions:

ESL Classes at CIT Reid:

- Day classes: FT/PT, Tuesday 21 July, 2015 2-5:30pm, Room H102, H Block, CIT Reid
- Evening classes: FT/PT, Thursday 23 July, 2015 4-6pm, Room H102, H Block, CIT Reid.

ESL Classes at CIT Gungahlin:

- Day classes: PT, Wednesday 22 July, 2015 10am-12pm, CIT Gungahlin.

### Classes start:

- Monday 27 July, 2015 day classes, CIT Gungahlin
- Tuesday 28 July, 2015 day classes, CIT Reid
- Thursday 30 July, 2015 evening classes, CIT Reid

For more information please contact (02) 6207 4846.



## Is Your child returning in 2016

To assist us to make the best possible plans and arrangements for your child's education in 2013 please complete the following slip and **return to the front office before the end of term.**  
**It is not necessary to include those students who are currently in Yr 6.**

Child/children's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick  the statement which applies

<input type="checkbox"/>	My child/ren <b>WILL</b> return to Mawson Primary School in 2016
<input type="checkbox"/>	My child/ren will <b>NOT</b> return to Mawson Primary School in 2016
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am <b>unsure</b> if my child/ren will attend Mawson Primary School in 2016

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Due to our increase student numbers and the need to complete the required athletics events on the one day, we are looking at implementing a different format this year with separate events for Yr 2-6 and P-1 students. Years 2 to 6 will have their athletics carnival at Woden Athletic Park (located on Ainsworth Street, Phillip) on **Wednesday 5 August**. Woden Athletic Park has recently been upgraded and we believe our students will benefit from utilising this local facility. Students will walk with teachers to the athletics track and we will be hiring a bus to return students to school in the afternoon. This will be a whole day event and the expected cost for each student is \$4 for the bus.

## **Pre-school, Kindergarten and Year 1**

There will be a modified athletics carnival at our school for Preschool to Year 1 children on a different day (TBA) to the Yr 2-6 event, with students participating in a rotation of sporting activities and a 50m sprint event. Year 5 students will be utilising their leadership skills to support our P-1 students on the day. The organizing committee are looking at holding this event during week 6 or 7.

We will be asking for parent assistance closer to the date. All families are invited to come along on the day to support their child/children.

### **Energy Saving Tip**

Whether you're snuggling on the couch, or enjoying the sunshine outside, remember to dress for the weather. It can be unpredictable at this time of year, so if you're feeling chilly, don't reach for the heater, instead pop on a jumper. If you're feeling the heat, then try taking off a layer of clothing or switching on a fan before you turn on the air-conditioner.



### **Energy Saving Tip**

Winter a great time to enjoy a bit of DIY handy work. A simple activity is to check for gaps around windows and doors. If they're poorly sealed, they can account for up to 25 percent of heat loss from that room. Invest in some draught stripping and seal any gaps before the winter weather starts to seep inside.



### **Energy Saving Tip**

#### **Going on holidays?**

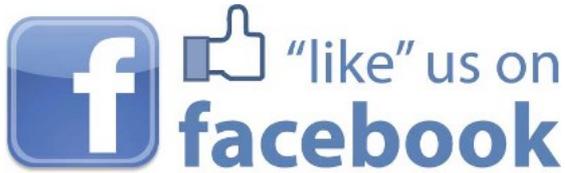
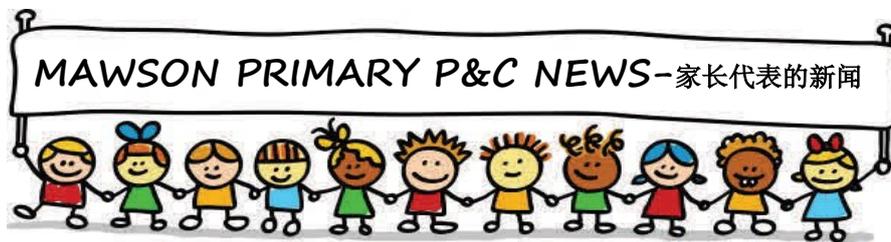
Remember to turn your hot water unit off if you're going away for an extended period of time to save wasting energy maintaining set thermostat temperatures.



## **HATS ON FROM MONDAY 3 AUGUST**

**STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL BRIMMED HATS DURING TERMS 3 & 4**





## Working Bee reminders

As mentioned in week 10 term 2 Schoolweek, we are seeking volunteers for two working bees early this term

- **Tomorrow Friday 24 July, 2pm**  
Tree plantings in the Environment Centre and Chinese Courtyard gardens
- **Sunday 2 August, 11am – 2pm**  
Groundwork and tidying up of kindergarten courtyard in preparation for the new Reconciliation Courtyard

Detailed information on these activities can be found in Term 2 Week 9 Schoolweek. Volunteers can leave their details at the front office or email [mawsonprimary.pc@gmail.com](mailto:mawsonprimary.pc@gmail.com).

## Athlete's Foot promotion

If you are purchasing new shoes from any Athlete's Foot store, be sure to mention that you are from Mawson Primary School. If you do, the store will **donate \$5 to our school** for each pair of shoes purchased, both children's and adult's.

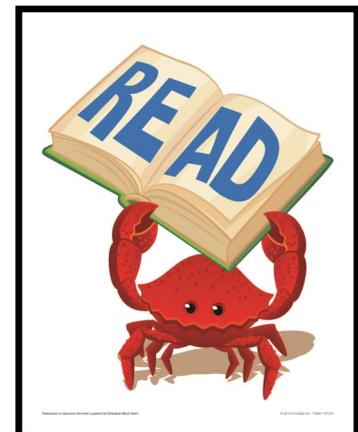


## Book Fair is coming!

The P&C will be hosting the annual Book Fair in the library on

**12-13 August 2015**

Watch this space in term 3 for more details!



# Expert Panel **Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour**

Professor Anthony Shaddock | Dr Sue Packer | Mr Alasdair Roy

**Does your child need support to manage their behaviour so that they can learn at school?**

The Expert Panel has been appointed by the Minister to review policy and practice for supporting and teaching students with complex needs and challenging behaviours in ACT public, independent and Catholic schools.



## Public consultation

**Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviours**  
A review of policy and practice in ACT schools

### We want to hear from you

The Expert Panel would like to hear from families and students about your experiences at ACT schools.

We are also interested in your suggestions for improving policy and practice in ACT schools for children with complex needs and challenging behaviours.

### How to contact us

Written comments can be provided to the Expert Panel by email: [expert.panel@act.gov.au](mailto:expert.panel@act.gov.au)

by mail: Expert Panel  
GPO Box 730  
Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions will be kept confidential but may be quoted without names or identifying information in the Panel's Final Report.

If you would like to speak with the Expert Panel please call us on 0457 631 184.

Submissions are due by 31 July 2015.

KidsMatter



KidsMatter is a mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative set in primary schools and in early childhood education and care (ECEC) services – like preschools, kindergartens and day care centres.

KidsMatter is a [framework](#) that helps these places put [evidence-based](#) strategies in place to support the mental health needs of their community.

It was developed by experts in mental health, education and early childhood in response to [troubling figures](#) relating to children's mental health and the growing national call for action.

KidsMatter sits under Australia's [National Mental Health Plan](#), which promotes a population-level approach to mental health and emphasises the need for cross-sectoral linkages. KidsMatter seeks to partner with education, early childhood, and health and community sectors to optimise children's mental health and wellbeing holistically and early in life.

**Component 1: Positive school community** helps schools to focus on building a school culture that provides safety, security and support for children, and emphasises the importance of positive relationships and promoting a sense of belonging. An environment characterised by positive relationships where everyone feels valued and supported is an excellent way to prevent bullying.

**Component 2: Social and emotional learning for students** encourages schools to embed the teaching of social and emotional skills in the school curriculum as it can help to reduce bullying. Sometimes bullying can indicate that more focused work on building relationships in a safe and supportive school culture is needed.

Teaching students skills to help them relate to others and understand and manage their emotions can improve relationships at the school and greatly reduce bullying behaviour. For example, teaching students social problem solving skills by helping them talk through social problems – why they happened and how they could be resolved – helps them to better manage conflict with their peers. Helping children to see conflict from the perspective of others (ie teaching empathy) can also reduce bullying behaviour because it increases children's motivation to behave in a socially acceptable way.

When school staff model social skills and behaviours, it reinforces the teaching of social and emotional skills. Student management responses that reinforce the development and learning of social and emotional skills further support a positive culture that reduces bullying and maintains a safe and supportive school environment.

**Component 3: Working with parents and carers** helps schools to build strong, positive relationships with families. Good relationships between families and schools create more opportunities for families to be involved at the school. This in turn means issues like bullying may be prevented or can be addressed more quickly and effectively.

**Component 4: Helping children with mental health difficulties** helps schools develop processes to recognise and respond to children's mental health needs. This means that support can be provided sooner to children who bully others and children who experience or witness bullying.

## NDIS Pre Planning Workshops

Would you like help to prepare for your planning conversation with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)?

Are you unsure of what an NDIS planning conversation might be like?

The NDIA are running regular workshops for participants, families and carers to assist with understanding NDIS processes.

In these sessions the NDIA will:

- Explain how the NDIS works
- Provide tools to help you identify your goals and aspirations
- Explain and assist you to prepare for the planning conversation

**Please RSVP by emailing [communityact@ndis.gov.au](mailto:communityact@ndis.gov.au) or call (02) 6146 8200**

Please advise the names of those attending, contact phone number and any support requirements.

Both Libraries are fully accessible and have ample parking.

Friends, family members and carers are welcome.

### Workshops scheduled for:

Location	Day	Date	Time
Gungahlin Library	Monday	27th July 2015	10:00am - 11:00am
NDIA Braddon Office	Monday	27th July 2015	4:00pm - 5:00 pm
Tuggeranong Library	Monday	3rd August 2015	10:00am - 11:00am
NDIA Braddon Office	Monday	3rd August 2015	4:00pm - 5:00 pm
Gungahlin Library	Monday	10th August 2015	10:00am - 11:00am
NDIA Braddon Office	Monday	10th August 2015	4:00pm - 5:00 pm
Gungahlin Library	Monday	17th August 2015	10:00am - 11:00am
NDIA Braddon Office	Monday	17th August 2015	4:00pm - 5:00 pm

### Venues:

Gungahlin Library, Cnr of Hibberson & Gozzard St, Gungahlin ACT 2912

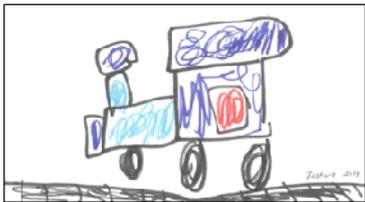
Tuggeranong Library, Cowlshaw Street 212, Tuggeranong ACT 2900

NDIA Braddon Office, Northbourne Ave, Braddon ACT 2612

If you have any enquiries about preparing for your planning conversation please call the ACT Trial Site on 6146 8200.

**Please RSVP by emailing [communityact@ndis.gov.au](mailto:communityact@ndis.gov.au) or call (02) 6146 8200**

**43rd ANNUAL MALKARA MODEL  
RAILWAY AND  
SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION**



**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2015 9am- 5pm**

**SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 9am- 4pm**

**ADMISSION**

Adults \$ 10.00,

Children over 5 & Seniors \$5.00

Family Ticket \$20.00

(2 adults/ 2 children or 1 adult/ 3 children)

**MALKARA SPECIALIST**

**Wisdom Street, Garran**

Model Railway layouts, Victorian Doll's Houses, Model Retailers,

Big Boy Toys Remote Controlled Vehicles, Miniature Live Steam Train Rides and Lego.

Organised by the Malkara School P&C and The ACT Model Railway Society Inc.



**FRED HOLLOW'S  
HUMANITY AWARD**

**“Real humanity is shown  
when we care for others” -  
Professor Fred Hollows**

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred's vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who show care and compassion for others.

The award, now in its fourth year, is supported by the ACT Education and Training Directorate and The Canberra Times and is a fantastic opportunity to recognise students outside the academic and sporting realm.

Teachers, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a student. All nominees will be invited to a presentation ceremony to announce the ACT winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the Award go to [www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward](http://www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward)

**HOYTS**

**SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING**

**HOYTS**  
*Girls' Night out*  
**TRAINWRECK**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 29**

**6.30PM ARRIVAL FOR 7PM SESSION**

**It's YES time!**

**Do you have a great voice?**

**Do you want to show-off your talent globally?**

**Do you want to be part of an awesome musical experience?**



**Woden Valley  
Youth Choir**

VOICES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

If YES then **Woden Valley Youth Choir** needs you!

Join over 100 singers in three choirs as they perform at some of Canberra's premier events, including Carols by Candlelight, The Canberra International Music Festival and Voices in the Forest.

Brag about the opportunity to sing locally and overseas with well known professional musicians and alongside choirs from around the globe.

Sing from a repertoire that includes Contemporary, Broadway, Folk, Classical and Sacred. There's sure to be songs you'll love to sing!

Develop your musical skills and enjoy friendships to last a lifetime! If you are 8-21 come and join **Woden Valley Youth Choir** NOW!



Applications for the next round of auditions close on 15th August.

To book an audition visit [wvyc.org.au](http://wvyc.org.au) and fill in the form on the JOIN page.