Dear Parents/Carers

Security Fence
The work on the erection of the security fence at Mawson Primary School will commence next Monday 24 November. The revised plan will not include the school car park being fenced, in line with ACT Government Minister for Education, Ms Joy Burch’s, request that school car parks be made available to the community. The blue and yellow equipment and climbing frame in the top playground will be open to the public after school hours and weekends. Demonstrating our school’s commitment to sharing school facilities with the wider community. The work is expected to be completed for the commencement of the 2015 school year. The last part of the work will be the construction of a security gate across the car park located opposite the main entrance to the school and Chinese Australian Early Childhood Centre. A copy of the plan is located in the main entrance.

Swim and Survive Program
Is your child 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 to Friday 5 December 2014. The lessons will be conducted at CISAC Belconnen. The students will be transported to and from the pool by Deanes Bus Company. Kindergarten 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 students come dressed in swimmers and school uniform. They will return to school by 2pm.

Years 2–6 lessons commence at 1.30pm. The bus will leave school at 1pm. The children will be given the opportunity to have lunch and change before the bus departs. Students will return to school by 2.40pm.

Please ensure your child has the following named items:

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

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION – Thursday 20 Nov 5:30pm.
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PRESCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION – Thursday 20 Nov 7pm.
New preschool parents for 2015 are invited to join us tomorrow Thursday 20 November at 7pm for an information session. The session will be hosted in the preschool classroom by our Preschool Educators Ms Amanda Friend, Ms Tanya Waters and Ms Sharon Fellows. We look forward to seeing you there.

Skoolbag App
Mawson Primary has its 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. We currently have 112 parents using the iphone app and 57 parents using the Android app. The school is attempting to use the app to reduce the amount of paper that is sent home to families. We have a total of 169 users.

Voluntary Contributions
It’s not too late to make your donation. This year we have used the funds to purchase iPads for students across the school and other educational resources.

Families Of Students In 2014 Mandarin Immersion Program (MIP) Classes
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Please complete the form on page 7 and return it to the front office by Friday 5 December 2014.

Warm regards
Amanda Andrews
Principal

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Principal
You are invited to attend Mawson Primary School’s end of year concert:

“A Musical Trip Around the Globe”

When: Friday 21st November 2014 at 12:00pm
Where: Mawson School Hall

All classes will be performing an item, PLUS performances from the 3/4 and 5/6 Choirs and the Recorder band.

Expected Concert order:
Recorder band to welcome guests
3/4 Choir
1/2F
Children’s Day video
Kindergarten
3K
5/6W
4MIP
5/6MIP
3MIP
2M
4M
5/6 MIP (class)
Preschool - Possums
5/6 Choir
Finale

We encourage you to bring a gold coin donation that will be used to support the work that DJ Cliff (who runs our SRC discos) does to assist families with children who have been diagnosed with cancer to purchase TV’s

We hope to see you there!
On 12 November, Mawson Primary MIP students from Years 3 to 6 spent a day with Fuchun Primary School students from Singapore. These students were on a 6 day study tour to Australia as a part of their overseas enrichment program. Our students had the opportunity to showcase our Mandarin learning at Mawson. Fuchun students were able to mingle and interact with our MIP students in various language activities that were prepared by Ms Chen, Ms Lu and Ms Ang. One of the visiting teachers spoke highly of our children’s Mandarin proficiency. We also learned about Singaporean culture and some of their traditional costumes, food and games. We finished our day with an exchange of gifts and best wishes. Our school was presented with a painting of a silhouette on cling wrap, done by two students of Fuchun Primary.
Mandarin LOTE Year 3 and 4 students continued to work on their topics about families (dialogues, games, role playing about introducing family members). Year 4 LOTE students have been practising basic Chinese writing. Many students find it interesting to learn about the stroke order. Year 3 students are working on a mini-art project for the sister school in China.

Here are some vocabulary and sentence structures for students to review:

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<td>bàba</td>
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<td>我有family members和family members</td>
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Preschool Walkathon

Last week the Preschool children completed their walkathon with their year 5 Buddies. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us and helped us to raise money to buy new Lego for our Preschool.

Congratulations Preschoolers on completing your walkathon

The Preschoolers and their year 5 buddies enjoying an icy pole after the walkathon
SELF AWARENESS THROUGH HUMAN VALUES，
通过人生的价值观来提高自我意识

Manners. Every action is preceded by thought. Children channel positive thoughts into purposeful, constructive, and rewarding personal and social action through the five senses. Children practise and strengthen the essential skills and habits they need, to take responsibility for their personal and academic tasks, as well as their social interactions. Healthy living practices, productive work habits, and self-help skills result in realisation of the child’s potential to contribute to his or her own well-being and that of others.

Manners
Having good manners is interacting with others in a way that makes them feel valued and respected.

As the education of your child is a responsibility shared between home and school you may wish to discuss some of these points with your child:

- When we practise good manners people feel important and valued.
- They enjoy being with you.
- It helps to make us attractive to others.
- When we do not practise good manners others feel insulated and unappreciated.
- Nobody likes being around rude people.
- Rude people give the impression that they don’t care about anybody or anything.

Some of the ways that we can practise good manners is by not interrupting someone when they are speaking, saying please, thank you and excuse me. Listening to people when they speak, speaking softly and sweetly, speaking politely to people and thinking how our behavior is affecting others.

PRINCIPAL’S QUALITY WORK BOARD

Ritika J. Preschool  Party hat paper construction
Niamh Mc. KMIP  Shapes
Anabel F. KMIP  Chinese characters
Zachary D. KMIP  Chinese characters
Caleb L. 1L  Time table of his life
Aurelia Mc. 1L  Story about a train
Cade R. 1/2F  What I know about snails
Abhay S. 2M  What I know about snails
Josh P. 4M  Symmetry shapes
Jessica P. 5/6MIP  Solar cars, design
Charlie B. 5/6MIP  Persuasive text
Bayden N. 5/6MIP  Using Chinese characters to describe an animal using adjectives and nouns
Tia Mc. 5/6MIP  Using Chinese characters to describe an animal using adjectives and nouns

Please feel free to come along and check out students work on the board, located outside Amanda’s office.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE/ DIALECT (EAL/D) UPDATE

Recently, we have had a number of new students who speak languages other than English enrol at our wonderful school. The total number of languages spoken by Mawson students is now 45 with more than 60 cultural backgrounds represented!

When a new EAL/D student enrols in an ACT school, their English is assessed in the four areas of language: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Each EAL/D student is then allocated a Language Proficiency Rating (LPR), which the school and the Directorate use to plan for support in English language acquisition for these students. At Mawson, we are fortunate that – in addition to having a full-time specialist EAL/D teacher – all classroom teachers have completed extensive professional learning in teaching EAL/D.

Some students in Years K-6 also attend an Intensive English Centre (IEC). These specialist schools for recently arrived students, teach English as an additional language and provide wonderful support before a child enters a mainstream school. If you are a parent of a Preschool child, who you think may benefit from enrolling at an IEC, please consider attending the Hughes IEC Kindergarten Information night this evening. You will find details later in the newsletter.

Caroline Woolias (EAL/D Teacher)
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

Signed ______________________________________________________________  Date:
PARENTS AND CARERS SURVEY – ACT PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The ACT Education and Training Directorate is conducting an online survey of primary school and early childhood parents and carers as part of a wider research process on communicating the benefits of the public school system in Canberra.

As a parent or carer of a student in an ACT public primary or early childhood school, your views and feedback are very important.

The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. Data collected goes directly back to Piazza Research (an independent Canberra-based research firm contracted by the Directorate to conduct this survey). The survey can also be accessed on mobile devices and tablets.

In order to achieve a reliable response rate, several reminders will be sent to all parents over the next two weeks.

Your information is protected
This survey is completely anonymous and individual answers will not be tracked or attributed to an individual.

Who to contact
If you require help with completing this survey, please email admin@piazzaresearch.com.au as an initial contact point, providing a phone contact with an email address. Piazza Research will contact you from there.


The survey will be open until Friday 28 November.

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Mawson Primary School |
Payment slip for Voluntary Financial Contributions

Student’s name: ___________________ Class: ______ Student’s name: ___________________ Class: ______

Payment options - please tick one:

- CASH ( )
- CHEQUE ( )
- MASTERCARD ( )
- VISA ( )
- ON-LINE PAYMENT ( )

Bank account details for on-line payments: WESTPAC Woden BSB: 032777 Account no: 001623
NB: Please quote Student name & VC when making payments on-line

Voluntary Contribution (VC) Amount $ ……………
Full Payment $100.00 OR Part Payment: $___________ Term ______

Please make cheques out to Mawson Primary School

Card Details

Card Number: __________ ______ ______ ______
Name on Card: …………………………… ……Signature: ………………………………………Expiry: ………/………

Payment slip for MIP Voluntary Contributions – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Student’s name: ___________________ Class: _____ Student’s name: ___________________ Class: _____

Payment options - please tick one:

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- VISA ( )
- EFTPOS ( )
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Bank account details for on-line payments: WESTPAC Woden BSB: 032777
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MIP Voluntary Contributions $260.00 (MIP) $………………

Please make cheques out to Mawson Primary School

Credit Card Details

Name on card: ………………………
Card no: …………………………… Expiry: ………/………. Signature: ……………………………

Payment slip for Mandarin Immersion Programme – Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 (MIP) Voluntary Contributions

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Community Christmas Party
Sunday 14 December 11am-3pm free event
in the carpark at the front of the Club - Matilda Street, Woden

Join the Free Christmas Fun Rides on:
• Supa Cha • Dodgem Cars • Jumping Castle
• Cup & Saucer • Giant Slide
• Laser Skirmish Maze

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Southside Primary
Introductory English Centre
2015 Enrolment Information Session

This session will provide information about our Intensive English program. Please come along to see classes in action and find out how to enrol your child. A school information pack will be available for collection at this session. Morning Tea will be provided.

Address: Hughes Primary School, Groom Street, Hughes

Date/Time: Wednesday November 19, 2014 9:30-10:30am

RSVP: please call us if you are attending on 62055699