Dear Parents/Carers

Mawson School 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 App. To install it, just look for our school name "Mawson Primary School" in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store, and install it on your smartphone. We currently have 167 iphone users and 87 android users. It would be fantastic to get our user base up to 300.

National Ride2School Day

National Ride2School Day will be held on Friday 13 March. We are trying to increase the number of students who walk, ride and scooter to school to reduce the amount of stress on our carpark in the mornings and afternoons, as well as increase the amount of physical activity by our students. If your child walks, rides or scooters to school they will get their name marked off on a roll by their classroom teacher. They will go in to the draw for a Trek bike that has been kindly donated to the school by Trek. Each child can win a maximum of 5 raffle tickets in the draw. The Trek bike will be drawn on Friday 13 March. To assist those families that live outside of the Mawson area, I will wait at the carpark on Mawson Drive next to the oval on Wednesday 4 March, Thursday 5 March, Tuesday 10 March and Friday 13 March at 8:30am and assist students to ride to school from that area. Please remember to bring your helmet and a lock for your bike.

On Tuesday 24 February we had 8 students meet Mr Evans to ride to school.

2015 Voluntary Financial Contributions

Mawson Primary School strives to provide a challenging and caring educational environment for all students. The Mawson Primary School community and P&C association generate additional funds through services provided by the school’s network of volunteers and fundraising activities. A significant form of additional funding is raised through Voluntary Financial Contributions that are used to provide valuable resources to support a rich learning environment for your child such as readers, maths resources, construction materials, sports gear, musical instruments and computer equipment.

Mawson Primary School Library Fund

The Mawson Primary School Library Fund voluntary contributions can now be made at the school and contributions are tax deductible. Monies raised through voluntary contributions are used to purchase curriculum support materials for the Library and readings resources for students.

Details of the 2015 amount will be included in next week’s Schoolweek.

Ex Mawson Student

Amanda Maclean has been awarded an ANU Liu Ts’un-yan and Liu Chiang Szu-yung Prize for Traditional Chinese Studies for 2014. The prizes are awarded each year to the students who, in that year, were enrolled in a program leading to the award of a degree of Bachelor in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific; and showed outstanding achievement through their contribution to the intellectual life of one or more of the courses which make up Traditional Chinese Studies and attained one of the five highest marks for any of the courses which make up Traditional Chinese Studies.

Amanda’s parents have sent a thank you message to Mawson Primary School and its Mandarin Intensive Program for the part it played in Amanda’s development. Amanda was a member of the first cohort of students in MIP in 2000.

SCARF

Well done to 5/6M who explained our Student Code of Conduct (SCARF) through 5 short plays. These were very entertaining, while showing our students how they should behave when at school.

SCARF stands for Safety, Cooperation, Acceptance, Respect and Friendliness.

Keep Smiling

Rohan Evans

Deputy Principal

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

We have received many enquiries which has resulted in 3 individuals nominating for the P&C Board Member position.

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Board Members: Andrew Pritchard & Aleisha Broadhead
Vice President: Scott Gurney
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Breakfast club
Is on again this year
Every Thursday morning at 8:15am
Commencing March 5

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2015 Class Names

KK The Lamb Chops
KA The Green Sheep
KM The Fluffy Sheep
1I The Shark Sheep
1L Sheep in the Jeep
1P Sparkling Rainbow Sheep

2A Little Shepherds
2F The Big Merinos

3N Red Belly Black Sheep
3/4D Rainbow Sheep

4/5M Mountain Sheep
5/6M Sheep Dogs
5/6MIP Mamma-Mia Sheep
MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I Keep Safe
I keep my hands to myself
I stay inside the boundaries
I play safe games
I stay away from dangerous objects

I Co-operate
I help others in a team
I pull my weight when working with others
I follow teachers’ instructions
I help teachers when needed

I Accept
I accept people for who they are
I welcome new children
I take responsibility when I do the wrong thing
I accept the rules of the game

I Respect
I listen to others
I respect other people’s appearance
I look after other people’s property
I care for the environment

I am friendly
I smile a lot
I help people out
I share with others
I invite people to play
P&C AGM MEETING
6:30PM
THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015
TO BE HELD IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE SCHOOL AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THE P&C'S IDEAS AND INITIATIVES FOR 2015 AND BEYOND, COME AND ATTEND OUR MEETING. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS. WE ARE A FRIENDLY, ACTIVE GROUP AND WELCOME NEW FACES.

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1
These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- **ET DVD**
- **Planet Handball**

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that **Thursday** is School Banking day!
SUNSMART PRACTICES

As we have started the year with lots of sunshine and hot weather, we urge you to ensure your child has their hat and that they have applied sunscreen. We also encourage each child to have a water bottle and refill at the water station. These will go home with all students next week. If children do not have their hats they must remain in the shade on the silver seats, so please help them to remember their hat each day. Hats can be left at school to make this process easier. A hard copy of this policy can be seen at the front office and all feedback is welcome.