ACT Government
Education and Training

29 October 2014

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

COMING EVENTS 活动预告

30 October	Breakfast club 8:15am	4 November	Board meeting 5:15pm
30 October	Banking day	4 November	P&C meeting 7pm
30 October	Music Count Us In 12:15pm (see p2 for details)	6 November	Whole school photo 9:15am
31 October	Assembly 12:45pm		

PRESCHOOL PARENTS/ CARERS
PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES PRESCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW SCHEDULED FOR KOALAS MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER AND POSSUMS THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Dear Parents/Carers

For the safety of everyone on school grounds when a fire alarm or lockdown occurs at drop off or pickup time, no one should enter the buildings.

NAPLAN

Reports went home at the end of last term to Yr 3&5 families. The students as a group performed credibly.

Year 3 students performed close to the ACT means in writing, grammar and punctuation. Year 3 reading, spelling and numeracy means were below the ACT mean and will be a focus for the 2015 School Plan. The year 5 students were above the ACT mean in four of the five areas of NAPLAN testing (Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy). The students performed exceedingly well in Numeracy compared to other ACT schools and were 40 points above the ACT mean. The year 5 Mawson boys were 60 mean points above their ACT counterparts. The year 5 students performed well in the writing task and were 21 mean score points above the ACT.

NAPLAN analysis measures growth in student achievement based on the year 3 results for each student. Growth data is only available for year 5 students. A formula is used to identify the expected growth each individual student should achieve in each NAPLAN testing at Mawson.

81.3% of students achieved or exceeded expected growth in reading and writing.

100% of students achieved or exceeded expected growth in spelling

62.5 % of students achieved or exceeded expected growth in grammar.

93.8% of students achieved or exceeded expected growth in Numeracy.

Congratulations to all students and teachers. It takes a school of teachers and targeted programs to achieve these pleasing results.

Disco

The SRC will be holding a disco **next Thursday 6 November** in the school hall. The cost is $3 per child. The junior disco P-Yr2 will be held from 6:00-7:00pm and the senior disco Yr3-6 at 7:15pm-8:30pm. Please remember that the disco is for current Mawson Primary School students only. Students will need to be collected from the hall by an adult at the end of each disco.

PIPS

Our Kindergarten students are currently completing their PIPS assessment. Kindergarten students are assessed in term 1 and term 4. The school and families are notified of the students' progress in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. We look forward to seeing the growth all our Students have made.

Swimming Lessons

All 112 places have been filled for the upcoming swimming lessons starting 24 November. More information will be sent home to families shortly regarding transport arrangements and clothing.

4/5 Recorder Band

Our recorder band is working towards their next combined band practice on Monday 10 November at Garran Primary School. The students have been learning how to play a number of new songs, including the Australian National Anthem and *Barbara Ann*. Permission notes will go home to students next week.

China Day

It was fantastic to see so many families at last week's China Day assembly. It was standing room only! Congratulations to Cissy Lu and her team and to all the students who performed to such a high standard. There was a two-month preparation period to make this one-day event run as smoothly as it did. It involved 7 MIP performance items, one student team speech, 10 students hosting the assembly in two languages, 11 China Day activities. Training the group instructors, decorating the hall and organising 200 special lunch orders were also part of the day. A huge thank you to our Mandarin teaching team that put this event together.

End of Year Concert

The Mawson Primary End of Year Concert will be held on Friday 21 November at 12:00pm. Please lock the day and time into your diaries. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Movember

It's that time of year again to start raising awareness for Men's Health including Prostrate Cancer, Testicular Cancer and Mental Health. I will be sporting a moustache for the month of November. More information will be provided in upcoming Schoolweeks.

Asphalt update a representative from ACT government has visited the school to determine whether the resurfacing can be completed. We have not received a report as yet.

Keep Smiling
Rohan Evans

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You are Invited

One Song. Your School. More Music.

Celebrating the benefits of music education in Australian schools

Tomorrow is the big day! All students and teachers at Mawson Primary and Preschool will be coming together to join more than 500,000 students from 2,100 schools nationwide in singing "Paint You a Song". **You are warmly invited to join us at 12:15pm** in the hall, where we will be watching and singing along to the live stream from Parliament House (where our 3/4 and 5/6 choirs will be performing).
There is still time to learn the song (lyrics below) by visiting the Music: Count Us In website: http://www.musiccountusin.org.au/ There is also a link on the front page of the site to the live stream, which you can watch if you are unable to join us at school: **http://event.5stream.com/794**

Paint You a Song

Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo
Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo

I see the birds flying high, flying high, flying high in the sky
They're all singing along, to that same old song
I feel the beat, feel the beat, feel the beat, feel the beat in my heart
And it keeps me warm, like a spark in the dark

You paint the melody
I will paint the harmony
Singing colours all around
Every city, every town

Chorus
Let me paint you a song if you promise, promise
Let me paint you a song if you promise, promise
Let me paint you a song if you promise to sing along

Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo
Do do do do doo, Do do do do doo

I hear the wind rushing in, rushing in, rushing into the night
Touch the stars, chase the light
And there's a song, there's a song, there's a song, there's a song in the air
If you listen close, you can hear it there

You paint the melody
I will paint the harmony
Singing colours all around
Every city, every town

Chorus *Piano break*

Music forever, Brings us together
Music forever, Brings us together
Music forever, Brings us together
Music forever, Brings us together

Chorus

PRINCIPAL'S QUALITY WORK BOARD

Rama E. KK	Holiday fun
Aurelia Mc. 1L	Drawing
Ryan H. 2MIP	China Day Recount
Jeremy L. 3K	Symmetry Investigation
James Mc. 3K	Symmetry Investigation
Saige W. 4M	Drawing
Jade H. 5/6MIP	Poem
Nadia S. 5/6W	Friendship Ad

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

China Day at Mawson Primary School

Last Friday, Mawson Primary School celebrated its 5th Annual China Day. It was exciting to see many families come to school and join our MIP and LOTE students at our assembly.
This year's China Day started with a school assembly and was followed up with 11 Chinese cultural activities. It was lovely to see so many students wearing traditional Chinese costumes, Teachers too.
Our preschool kids also joined the school assembly and activities.
7 MIP classes and 10 Mandarin Speaking Competition winners performed on stage. 10 MIP students from Years 3–6 hosted the assembly in both Mandarin and English. There were also opportunities throughout the day for senior MIP students to take on leadership roles during China Day. This included 11 group leaders, 22 activity instructors and 5 special event teams; the Dragon/Lion dancing team, ICT team, stage assistance team, lunch helpers' team and hall decoration team.
Our kids had great fun. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who continually support our MIP program and all of the staff who have been very flexible and gracious. Without your help and support, the Mawson MIP program and China Day wouldn't have been as successful as it was. Most of all, special thanks to Teachers, Constance Chen, Wen Liu, Dongmei Yang, Jing Yu, Sunny Wang and Lily Ang. None of this would have been possible without you.
Thank you all and see you next China Day.

Cissy Lu
Mawson Mandarin Teacher

5/6MIP Reflections on China Day

China day was a great experience for all. It was a really enjoyable day. There were a huge variety of games and activities to participate in. The food was amazing, we had fried rice, spring rolls, prawn crackers and juice. Best lunch ever! (wink, wink). The best activities by far were the kite flying and shuttlecock. Over all it was an amazing day. Final China Day for me and the best one of them all! **Michael B.**

Today at Mawson Primary, we had our 5th China Day. China Day is where we celebrate the Chinese partnership by having activity rotations that involved kite flying, Chinese calligraphy, tangrams and Chinese shuttlecock just to name a few. Before all the activities we had a big Chinese assembly. As we introduced the assembly, a few people dressed up as Chinese lions and a big dragon. I was the leader of the lions and danced around. Kite flying was fun because Michael and I came up with a strategy where Michael holds the kite as I run he lets go and it flies. **Jack M.**

In China Day I was one of the activity instructors of button knots. During lunch the food was good. **Jade H.**

I thought this year's China Day was amazing. I enjoyed all the activities as there was a huge variety. My favourite activity was kite flying. It was sort of difficult because there was no wind but I enjoyed it all the same. The food was amazing. I had fried rice, prawn crackers and some spring rolls. At assembly I presented and performed "Shu lai bao" which is about the 12 Chinese zodiac animals. To sum it all up, China Day was awesome and I can't wait until next year's. **Leila K.**

Today we had China Day. China Day is, when the students go into groups and do Chinese activities like kite flying, making bracelets and writing in Chinese calligraphy.
My favourite activity is kite flying and I had the best kite and it flew so high that the string ran out. Then I didn't need to run anymore because the wind in the sky is stronger than on the ground. I gave the kite to one of the kite instructors and he kept flying it and then I went to the next activity. That was my highlight of the China Day, plus the lunch was really good. **Bayden N.**

China day was very enjoyable I especially liked the calligraphy as it was very educational. I loved the food. **Tia Mc.**

China Day 2014 was a fun day. Each MIP class performed a song/dance or play. This China day was the 5th anniversary. We did lots of activities such as kite flying, Chinese button knot, shuttle cock and Chinese calligraphy. We also had a very delicious lunch. **Sonya M.**

China day assembly was long but it was great seeing all the MIP classes doing a performance. Olivia and I were doing the organising for the kids before they went on. The activities where fun. I did four activities, Shuttlecock, calligraphy, Chinese button knot and the last one was kite flying. **Tyler-Jean R.**

On the 24 October we had our China Day. It involved a mouth-watering lunch, wonderful activities and great groups. I was an activity leader for the Chinese shuttlecock group. Other activities included Chinese button knot, Chinese Opera Masks, kite flying and paper cutting. The assembly was long but interesting. **Grace B.**

This China Day we had a special China day assembly where all the MIP classes did an item. Everyone did four activities. My favourite activity was making shuttlecocks that you hit with your foot to make them fly up. In China they use this as a game and we even had a competition. The shuttlecocks were made of two washers stuck together, a sheet of a magazine paper holding them there, some plastic wrapping, a piece of cloth and a rubber band keeping everything in place. It was really challenging trying to hit the shuttlecock with your foot. The special lunch I had was great and I was thoroughly satisfied with the whole day. **Shannon L.**

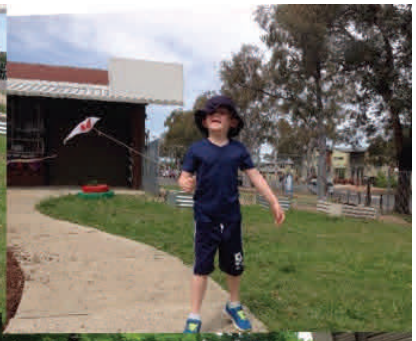
China Day was a great day! First we had our assembly. Tyler and I were telling kids to get on and off the stage and was it was kind of fun. Miss Chen said that she was so nervous at the start but in the end she was so proud of our performance. After that we went straight on to the activities. I was the activity leader for the opera mask, Bella from 4 MIP also did it with me. It was fun because it was a junior activity and the Kindies all talked to me and they were so cute. Then it was lunch. We had to wait until half time for the Chinese food but it was worth the wait because it was delicious. After lunch we had to go on with the activities and after recces there were no more activities so we went back to class. Today was such a good day. **Olivia W.**

My day was breath taking. I was an activity leader in the shuttle cock making activity. When enough people finished we would have a competition. Whoever could do the most bounces with the shuttle cock would get a prize. Grace was the other activity instructor and she was very helpful. Together we were a great team. We also got help from the group leaders and we were very grateful. In the end the day was a great success and everyone went away happy. **Charlie B.**

Celebrating China Day

Cooking with Elli's mum

Thanks Nicole



The Preschool flying kites with the year 5 children

PICCOLLAGE

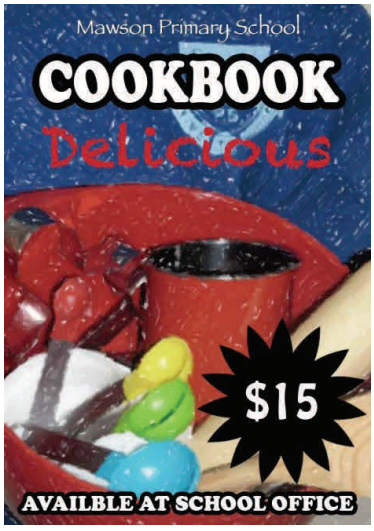
MAWSON PRIMARY P&C NEWS-家长代表的新闻

FUNDRAISER

The P&C are again holding the Crazy Camel Calendar fundraiser. This is where you can have your child's artwork printed on a calendar, diary, iPhone5 cover or on greeting cards. **The artwork will be displayed outside the classrooms** and order form has been sent home today with your child and also included in this edition of the schoolweek.

"like" us on facebook

MAWSON PRIMARY COOKBOOK



Calendars

- A cherished reminder of your child's artistic achievement featuring a piece of their artwork or a family photo printed and laminated, wire bound with 12 tear off months on quality paper.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed under the artwork along with the School/Centre name and/or logo.
- Photo calendars do not show name or age.
- Public holiday and school term dates, activity stickers and plenty of room for noting special occasions.
- Single or dual photo option.
- Size 300mm x 210mm.

each month features a colourful design with inspirational themes

Greeting Cards

- Beautifully presented high quality cards with one artwork or family photo per pack of 8 cards.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed on the back of art cards along with the School/Centre name and/or Logo.
- Photo greeting cards do not show name or age.
- Blank inside for your personalised message.
- Shrink wrapped in pack of 8 including red envelopes.
- Size 155mm x 110mm.

"every child is an artist"

PABLO PICASSO

Diaries & Notebooks

- Convenient A5 size featuring your child's artwork or family photo printed and laminated on a hard cover wire bound book designed to lie flat and stay open.
- Diaries have view the week at a glance, each double page displays a full week and include public holiday and school term dates along with a year planner.
- Notebooks have 150 ruled pages only.
- Size 210mm x 150mm

iPhone Cases 4/4s and 5/5s

- Clip on clear cases with your child's artwork or family photo printed and laminated on the outside.

For further details and online ordering visit:
www.funschoollabels.com.au

To submit a photo

- Send your digital photo via **www.submitphoto.com.au**
- Or send a CD/DVD/Memory stick - image must be JPG file 200KB or larger.
  - label or include a file with name of child, school and quantity ordered.
- Personal text can be added ONLY when sent via
  - **www.submitphoto.com.au** e.g. "Amy & Jack at the beach"
- Only send a printed photo (5x3 or larger) if you cannot send in digital format.
  - home printed photos are often not suitable for scanning and/or enlarging.
- For calendars send photo in **horizontal** format.
  - unless taking up the dual photo option where they need to be vertical.
- For cards, iPhones, notebooks or diaries - photo can be horizontal or vertical.

Vertical photo means wide white margins on calendars

FOR MORE INFORMATION FREEPHONE **1800 141 239**

Order Form

Support Mawson Primary's Fundraising

Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Notebooks & iPhone Cases

CRAZY Camel Fundraising

AUSTRALIAN MADE AND OWNED

YES

I WISH TO ORDER

Child's name: .....

Parent's name: .....

Parent's phone: .....

Classroom name/number: .....

Return to school with payment by: 11 November

◯ Photo sent via www.submitphoto.com.au

Photos and artwork to be submitted by the date stated above please.

Please make cheques payable to: Mawson Primary P&C.

		Price per Calendar	Qty	Total $
Calendars	Art	$12		
	Photo	$12		
		Price per pack of 8 Cards	Qty	Total $
Cards	Art	$12		
	Photo	$12		
		Price per diary	Qty	Total $
Diaries	Art	$16		
	Photo	$16		
		Price per Notebook	Qty	Total $
Notebooks	Art	$16		
	Photo	$16		
		Price per iPhone	Qty	Total $
iPhones	4/4s - Art	$14		
	4/4s - Photo	$14		
	5/5s - Art	$14		
	5/5s - Photo	$14		
		Total Amount Enclosed	$	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 SUDENTS 2015

Transitional Visit

Melrose High School would like to invite any students enrolled for 2015 to participate in a Year 6 Transition Visit to begin their high school journey. The students who are not enrolled from Mawson Primary are more than welcome to join us for the afternoon.

The Year 6 Transition Visit will be held on **Thursday November 13 (Week 5) from 2:00pm – 3:00pm** at Melrose High School. Many of the activities will be run by the Peer Support Leaders who will be an integral part of the students' transitional period over the first semester in high school.

Welcome Disco

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7 2015,
On **Thursday 20 November 2014** we will have our Welcome to Melrose Disco and we would like to see all of our prospective students there.

During this time parents/carers are invited to the Library for:

- A light supper
- Meet and greet with the School Board
- Order school uniforms with **Savvy**, our uniform supplier
- Go on a guided tour of the school with Year 9 Peer Support leaders
- Learn more regarding the Year 7 2015 Facebook group and how to join

Please remember to get your Year 7 Camp deposits in by **Monday 1 December 2014**, with full payments completed by **Friday 20 February 2015**.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Disco and in the new year.

Lucy Sedlacek
Year 7 Co-Ordinator 2015

Rebecca Hanrahan
Pastoral Care Coordinator

Melrose High School Disco!

All prospective Yr 6 and current Yr 7 Students are invited to attend…
Date: Thursday 20 November 2014
Time: 6pm-8pm
Place: Melrose High School Hall
Cost: **FREE**
Food and Drink available from the canteen
Come along and have some fun!

School tour – catch up

Did you miss the Melrose High School Open Night and Orientation Days in May? The 2015 Year Co-ordinator, Ms Sedlacek will be running a short tour of the school on **Thursday 6 November 2014**, starting at 9am (lasting approximately 30 minutes). Limited number of places are available. Contact the Front office on **6205 7588** to secure a spot.