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## Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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## Welcome to term 2!

Term 1 passed by so quickly this year and the next one is already upon us. I hope that the short break allowed you all a moment of relaxation and gave you the opportunity to spend a little more time than usual with your children. The weather favored various types of trips and excursions - so I trust that you managed to regenerate your strength and you are returning with a fresh supply of enthusiasm and a desire to learn and work. During term one, I was happy to welcome both new students and their parents who, in an amazingly short period of time, acclimated to our school and became a part of it. We have another term ahead of us and I strongly believe that we will all work together to convey to our children the knowledge of the language, traditions and culture of their country of origin.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 2

- ♦ **5/5** First Saturday of term 2
- ♦ **12/5** Mother's Day
- ♦ **2/6** International Childrens' Day Celebrations
- ♦ **23/6 ; 30/6** Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ♦ **30/6** Last Saturday of Term 2

# SUMMARY OF TERM ONE

## Beginning of the 2018 school year at the Macarthur Polish Saturday School

On Saturday, 3/2/18, we started another school year at our young school. Father Sławek Płonka - parish priest for the Mary Immaculate Parish in Eagle Vale, together with our new catechist Father Edmund Budziłwicz - celebrated a Mass for the school. Our students, proudly dressed in their new school T-shirts, took an active part in the Mass through readings and prayers of the faithful, as well as bringing gifts to the altar. Together, we sang in both languages the favorite song of Pope John Paul II "Barka". The song brought back many memories and tears of emotion flowed from many eyes.

After the Mass, we met in the church hall at an organizational meeting, during which the teachers introduced the curriculum for the current school year to the parents and answered their questions and doubts. At that time, the children, under the watchful eye of the Ladies from the Parental Committee, were busy creating artistic works whose theme was "Memories from the Holidays". The holidays must have been extremely successful because the children's work was simply amazing!



## Fund raising @ Campbelltown Bunnings

Another important event last term was the campaign of sausage sizzle fundraising at Campbelltown Bunnings on Sunday the 4th of March. Dear parents, I am very inspired by your attitude. Your commitment, hard work, conscientiousness and solidarity are the driving force that gives me strength and faith in what we've started together. Everyone, without exception, deserved a medal! I have no words to express my gratitude and admiration for you. So I'll just write "thank you". A special thanks goes out to Dominika Smutek and Agnieszka Godden. Girls you are amazing! Our Sunday in Bunnings turned out to be a huge success. Collaboration, mutual help and hard work produced a great result - \$1600!



## Easter Assembly

On Saturday, the 24th of March 2018, the Macarthur Polish Saturday School held an Easter Assembly, the aim of which was to showcase the extremely rich and colorful **Polish Easter traditions and customs** associated with the celebration. Parents, grandparents, and friends of the school attended our Easter Assembly, as well as the parish community of Eagle Vale. The program prepared by Mrs. Cecylia Macioch was presented by students of our school in both languages—Polish and English. Using colourful language, pupils from particular classes explained Easter palms, traditional Polish 'Easter eggs', 'Easter baskets', and traditional Easter cakes to all who arrived there that day. The children's performances were interspersed with Easter songs. I would like to thank Mr. Darek Plust for his amazing help in preparing the songs. The Song and Dance Ensemble "Kujawy" also performed for the guests. The "Green Gauchek" dance introduced us beautifully to the theme of the assembly, and the "Zaloty" dance was the culminating moment for the artistic part of our meeting. I would like to thank the students of the Macarthur Polish Saturday School and the members of the "Kujawy" Polish Dance and Song Ensemble for a beautiful performance, which in itself was a lesson in the language, tradition and culture of their country of origin. I am extending warm words of gratitude to our teachers, and in particular Mrs. Cecilia Macioch — our leader, who worked hard to ensure that all the details played out smoothly. I would like to also thank the School Committee and other mothers, who, as usual, did an amazing job preparing tasty snacks and refreshments for the social part of our meeting.

We are also extremely grateful to our sponsors: Mrs & Mr Strzemkowski and Mrs & Mr Paździor for bread, cakes and traditional Polish sausages that were a sensation among the local community. Thank you to Mrs & Mr Pochanke, from whom the school received a gift voucher to SPECSAVERS in the amount of \$ 200. I am also grateful to Mr. Adam Gajkowski - the President of the Federation of Polish Organizations in NSW, who joined us at our assembly and gave us a check for \$ 200. The generous donation was used for the purchase of sweets for all the children present in the hall that day. I am also grateful to Mrs. Krysia Morawski, who decorated our Easter table with various types of Easter trinkets. The table itself was undoubtedly a great lesson in Polish Easter traditions and customs.

Please, see and judge it for yourself .... :)







On Saturday, 17 March 2018 at 9.15 am, the **Annual General Meeting** was held during which elections to the **School Committee for 2018** were carried out. During the meeting, a detailed financial settlement for 2017 was presented. I would like to inform those of you, who for various reasons could not be present at the meeting, that it is possible to receive an email copy of the financial settlement for the previous school year. If you are interested please contact me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Małgosia Helwani, who was our treasurer for 2017, for her exceptionally diligent and thorough work. Małgosia is an extremely valuable pillar of our school. I greatly appreciate her professionalism and support. I am also extending my gratitude to Mrs. Agnieszka Williams, who was the secretary in the last school year. Aga, served our school community not only by writing Minutes from the meetings, but also through her function as our school photographer. Aga takes great photos, which she publishes later on our school Facebook page. I would like to extend a warm welcome and introduce two new members to the School Committee. Agata Pochanke and Agnieszka Godden.

Below is the full composition of the School Committee for 2018, the body that oversees the activities of our school:

♦ <b>President</b>	Dominika Herdzik
♦ <b>Vice President</b>	Agnieszka Godden
♦ <b>Public Officer</b>	Helen Kokoszka
♦ <b>School Coordinator</b>	Bernadeta Kawa
♦ <b>Treasurer</b>	Agata Pochanke
♦ <b>Secretary</b>	Katarzyna Lavorato



Thank you very much for your presence, for your energy, and ideas on improving the school for our children and the community!

## The NSW Premier's Harmony Dinner 2018



On March 21st this year, we celebrated **Multicultural Day** in Australia. The event is a great celebration in which all cultures can express in a special way the pride and joy of who they are and where they come from. Despite the fact that we come from almost every corner of the world, it connects us to live in this unique place, where different cultures, languages, traditions and religions live side by side in harmony and respect. On this particular occasion, we had the pleasure of representing our school at dinner with the NSW Premier Mrs Gladys Berejiklian.

## Mother's & Grandmother's Day

On the second Saturday of the current term, we will celebrate Mother's and Grandmother's Day at our school. We warmly invite our beloved mothers and grandmothers to attend and enjoy the performances of students. The event will take place on **May 12 at 12:00PM** in the classroom where classes V and VI are held. We encourage everyone (especially dads) – to bake cakes to sweeten our celebration.



As always we encourage you to buy fresh Polish **bread, donuts (paczki) and pastries**. Thank you to our beloved mothers, Dominika and Agatka for their help in selling these delicacies.



## Security in the Car Park

As usual, I would like to ask all parents to keep the car park safe. Please remember; there may be children about. As you leave the school, please remember to keep a watchful eye, and **hold your child's hand whenever in the presence of vehicles.**



## Ingleburn Specsavers

If you need a professional optometrist, with a good knowledge of the Polish language, I strongly urge you to visit the office of Mr. Mark Pochanke. The tests are "BULK BILLED". If you would like the consultations to be carried out in Polish please report it at the reception or over the phone.

**Phone: (02) 9605 5751**



**Address: 30/32 Oxford Road, Ingleburn NSW 2565**

## Contact Numbers For Teachers

Below you will find contact numbers and emails for teachers working at the school.

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Kindergarten & Class 1

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**Małgorzata Helwani**  
Teacher's Aid

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## Food Allergies

As of today, we **DO NOT** have any children reported as having food allergies. Therefore, there is no restriction on bringing particular food to school. If the situation should change, you will be notified immediately via your email with detailed information on the type of food you are not allowed to bring to school.



Do you have a problem finding a suitable gift for your mom, wife, sister or daughter? Mrs. Agnieszka Williams will be happy to help you solve this problem. **Agnieszka** sells beautiful jewelry from „*Lily Anne*”.

**Mobile:**  
**0432367080;**  
**Email: agnieszka\_707@hotmail.com**



Do you dream about a pot that would cook for you? **Mrs. Renata Bieńkowska** will be happy to help you in realizing these dreams. If you are interested please contact us by phone: **0404920516;** or email: **renatab101@hotmail.com**



# School Fees

Our treasurer Agatka Pochanke will be accepting school fee payments, each Saturday between 8.50 and 9.30 as well as between 12.00 and 12.30. The term fees are as follows: \$100 for the first child, \$90 for the second child. Term fees for third and consecutive children are not required. If you prefer paying via direct deposit our bank details are as follows:

**BSB 062-340**

**Account Number: 1064 1428**

If you choose the electronic form of payment we kindly ask you email the treasurer and inform her of your payment so she can verify. In the subject line of the email please mark **"School Fees"**, and in the email please provide the name of the child, the term you are paying for, the amount paid and reference used in your payment.

**School Email: [macarthurpolsatschool@outlook.com](mailto:macarthurpolsatschool@outlook.com)**

## Polish Sunday Mass Times:

- ♦ **10:15—Church of the Holy Trinity;**  
**57 Guernsey Ave, Minto NSW 2566**
- ♦ **18:30—All saints Catholic Church**  
**George St. Liverpool NSW 2170**
- ♦ **11:30—Sacred Heart Catholic Church;**  
**13 Park Rd. Cabramatta NSW 2166**



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**We WELCOME** all youth to our scouting association. Using our principles of the Scouting movement via camping, hiking and bushcraft we aim to develop in the youth physical, intellectual and moral strength, values embodying good citizenship, love of the environment, initiative, self reliance and organisational skills and knowledge of the polish culture, history and language.

For more information call:

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Website: <http://www.zhp.org.au/>

# Folklore Ensembles in Sydney

## Polish Song & Dance Ensemble *Kujawy*



### INVITES YOU

For more information:

Jola: 0400 689 379

Ela: 0438 458 715

## Polish Song & Dance Ensemble *Podhale*



### INVITES YOU

For more information:

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## Polish Song & Dance Ensemble *Lajkonik*



### INVITES YOU

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