



NEWSLETTER

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Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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We are starting the third school term of 2018!

I welcome you warmly, this time from Poland! I am writing this newsletter while on a holiday - approximately 150 meters from our beautiful Baltic Sea. I was lucky this year to have a chance to spend few weeks in our home country. The time spent with family and loved ones is invaluable. Together, we look at our old photos and family souvenirs and remember the times of our childhood and youth. Whenever I come to Poland and move from place to place, I press my face against the window of the bus or train and admire the familiar scenery that is so close to my heart. Meanwhile, in Australia the winter is in full swing, which means that we are already in the middle of the school year. Fresh from holiday in Poland, Mrs Małgosia Jagodzińska came back to us full of energy ready for busy next term. Mr Michał Macioch will take over class 0-1 in my absence. Congratulations to Michał on a great success achieved at the Polish Song Festival in Opole. To all students, teachers and parents: I wish you a very productive, well spent school term, during which we will work together to teach our children language, culture and history of their ancestors. I would also like to take this opportunity with a great joy to welcome two new students and their families to our school. We hope that both boys: Hugo and Mikołaj will enjoy their time with us and that our school would become a special part of their lives - just as it is part of all of ours.

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 3

- ♦ **28/7** First Saturday of term 3
- ♦ **1/9** Father's Day
- ♦ **22/9** School Excursion
- ♦ **22/9** Last Saturday of term 3

SUMMARY OF TERM 2

Mother's & Grandmother's Day

On Saturday, 12th of May 2018, we celebrated Mother's and Grandma's Day in our school. It was a very joyful celebration with a great family atmosphere. In the morning, teachers in individual classes discussed with children topic titled: "My mom and me." Together they talked about mother's everyday hardships and struggles. Teachers discussed with our children ways of showing gratitude for the hardships and care mums and grandmothers put into raising the young generation. It is difficult to describe the mother's love for her child. It is exceptional love, full of sacrifices and hard work. At the same time, it is a happy and unconditional love, full of warmth and joy. Love like no other. The most beautiful kind of love. During a special performance at the end of the day, students from individual classes presented poems dedicated to Mums and Grandmas, and students from oldest class presented us with a brief history of this special day that is Mother's Day. Together we all sang popular polish songs for mums. This brought us even closer because after all, everyone has a mother. The atmosphere was really fantastic! In the corner of my eye, I noticed that a tear welled in more than one eye, it was very emotional. The students from class I and II / III have prepared a very tasty gift for all mums - very cheerful, colourful looking and at the same time super healthy sandwiches. Mums and Grandmas loved them, as well as all the other guests that came to our celebration. Anyway you can see and admire our student's culinary creations on our photos :)



International Children's Day



On Saturday 2nd of June, the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur with the Song and Dance Group "Kujawy" and ZHP in Sydney, once again celebrated the merriest holiday of the year – Children's Day. Children are our joy and happiness - they give us hope which is so needed in this day and age. Famous words which I learnt during my school years in Poland still come back to me, words of Jan Zamoyski: "such will be the Republic, what their youth hide". In other words - the future of the nation depends on how we bring up this young generation, which in a few years will take over and lead the world in a direction that we somehow designate through their upbringing today. The child is the greatest gift and this is how it should be treated. Where there is a child there can be no room for egoism. Dedication and hard work are written in the role of being a father and mother,

but also a teacher, tutor or guardian. On the other hand ... there is no bigger joy and satisfaction for a mother, father or teacher than to look with pride at the young man or woman who excels at school, community, work, thanks to the dedication and sacrifice of parents and teachers. Is there anything that gives more happiness to a guardian than to see a young person moving into a world equipped with everything that will help him/her to become a valuable pillar of the community?

Our event started at 10.00 in the morning. The entertainment part was coordinated by Mr Michał Macioch. This talented young man has organized various kinds of games and activities for children, accompanied by cheerful music. Few of the favorite games were: popularly called "limbo" - that is passing under the bar, throwing the ball to the goal and races in two teams. The children were delighted and there was a lot of noise and joy.

Next, our beloved Scouts performed for us and they included all of our children in their performance which was very special. There was common singing in the circle holding hands and fantastic active games that hardened not only the body but also the soul.

At 11:00 a long-awaited Magician appeared. Lady Magician entertained children with all kinds of magic tricks and at the end of her performance she made very creative balloon animals, which turned out to be extremely popular with all children - these quite young and those little bit older. Our popular magician had a long queue of children waiting patiently for the enchanted balloon and there were around 70 of them at the party.

The most unforgettable and certainly the most energetic highlight of the day was the performance of Wiesia and Marek Wojnicz - artistic directors of the Song and Dance Group "Kujawy". I have to admit, that I was also delighted with their short program, which included not only children but also their parents. Together we learned the steps to "cheer leaders" dance and I think that we were doing quite well. I am convinced that under the watchful eye of such a wonderful and sensational instructors we could all together - children and adults try our luck at cheer leaders competition.

After this highlight of the day it was a time for a well-deserved meal prepared by our great parents. My dear beloved - I am constantly and consistently surprised and thrilled by your great attitude - you are simply sensational!

I would like to thank Mrs Joasia Fenik - a teacher from the Polish Saturday School in Ashfield for her help. Joasia bought a lot of fruit and healthy vegetables and buns for sausages and then she worked hard throughout the day together with other parents to make sure all the food was ready on time.

It is impossible to list all those who supported me to organise this event. I would like to, however, mention and honour few people. I would like to very warmly thank the Consul General Regina Jurkowska, Mrs Joanna Niedbała, Doctor Kaja Łukaszewicz and all of our wonderful sponsors for giving us financial support in organizing this day. Many thanks also to the Manager of the Song and Dance Group Kujawy, Jolanta Żurawski, who enthusiastically supported us from the very beginning, preparing 80 gift bags for each child. Thanks to Michał Macioch, artistic directors of the "Kujawy" - Wiesia and Marek Wojnicz and representatives of the Scouts in Sydney, for preparing and conducting the entertainment part of the whole event. Thanks to our brave photographer - Agnieszka Williams - for great photos that document and portray what we have achieved together. Thank you, Lucyna and Wiesław Paździor, whose generous hearts are always open for us - thank you for the most delicious sausages in the world! We also would like to thank Marysia and Marek Strzemkowski for their sweet, delicious donuts. I am extremely grateful to the management of the Polish Club in Bankstown with Mr Tomek Sadowski in charge. Thank you for hiring us a venue free of charge. We are very grateful for your help, without which it would not be possible to organise this entertainment of our little guests.

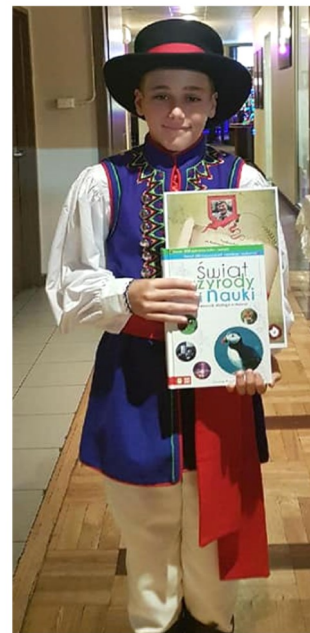
In conclusion - thank you all for everything! It is difficult to express in a few words how grateful I am to you Dear Parents for your support and work on the preparation of this day. Let the payment be the smile and joy of the children who joined us at the Polish Club in Bankstown on this special day. Let me finish with a quote by the Holy Father John Paul II that "children are the spring of the family and community, a hope which is still flourishing and the future that is constantly opening".



Scoutmaster's Szupryczyński Award for Pasquale Lavorato—Year 6

On Saturday 5/5/2018, the student of our school Pasquale Lavorato (VI class) received a prize of Scoutmaster Witold Szupryczyński. This prize is awarded every year to children and young people of Polonia, who are proud of their Polish roots and are actively participating in Polish organizations (schools, dance groups, parishes). Congratulations to Pasquale and his parents and grandparents! Pasquale is a wonderful boy and a very proud of his roots Pole!

During the celebration of the 227th anniversary of the adoption of the 3rd May Constitution, Mrs Consul General Regina Jurkowska honored Małgorzata and Albert Vella with the award of the of the National Education Commission Medal. Mr & Mrs Vella can boast of unbelievable merits in working on the development of ethnic education in New South Wales. We warmly and wholeheartedly congratulate both of you on this very prestigious and well deserved award!



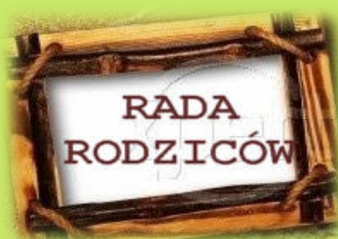
Farewell to Patryk & Robert Williams

On the last Saturday of the second term we sadly had to say goodbye to the Williams family who are moving to Melbourne. Dear Agnieszka, on behalf of the whole school, I thank you so much for your help and support, which I had from you from the very beginning of our school. You are part of our school community and you always will be - just like your great boys: Robert and Patryk. We say goodbye to you with great sadness. We hope, however, that our paths will cross not once but many times and we will meet in the near future.

CURRENT INFORMATION

The composition of the **School Committee** for 2018, the body that oversees the activities of our school:

- ♦ **President** Dominika Herdzik
- ♦ **Vice President** Agnieszka Godden
- ♦ **Public Officer** Helen Kokoszka
- ♦ **School Coordinator** Bernadeta Kawa
- ♦ **Treasurer** Agata Pochanke
- ♦ **Secretary** Katarzyna Lavorato



Father's & Grandfather's Day

On Saturday 1/9, we will be celebrating Father's and Grandfather's Day at our school. We warmly and cordially



invite our beloved dads and granddads to our performance which will take place at 12:00 PM in the classroom, where classes V and VI are being held. We are kindly asking you to bake cakes that will 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: **(02) 9605-5751**



Adres:

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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”**.



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Małgorzata Helwani

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Food Allergies

New student of our school — Mikołaj is allergic to fresh (not cooked) eggs. We kindly ask you not to bring any fresh egg products to school. For now this is the only food restriction that



applies to our students. If these circumstances change and we will find out about any more allergies that affect our children we will immediately notify you via email. Safety of our children is most important. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 Address: 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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Folklore Ensembles in Sydney

Polish Song & Dance Ensemble **Kujawy**



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Polish Song & Dance Ensemble **Podhale**



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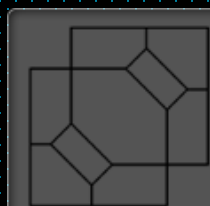
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