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Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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Warm welcome at the beginning of the fourth term of the current school year

We are about to begin the next and the last term of the current school year. In the near future important events connected with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Poland's independence are waiting for us.

"On November 11, 1918, the dreams of generations of

Poles came true - the Polish State was born again: after the partitions and 123 years of captivity, Russification and Germanization, after large uprisings, free Poland returned to the world map" - reads in the resolution of the Polish Parliament establishing the year 2018 the Jubilee Year of the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining of Independence. As emphasized in the document, thanks to those who remained relentless, our Nation emerged victorious from the historical test.

"Regaining independence took place through a fight full of dedication and heroism, not only on the battlefields, but also on everyday struggles for the preservation of the spiritual and material national substance and in the daily survival of Polish families," proclaims the resolution. The Polish Parliament also expressed hope that the model of the Fathers of Independence - Józef Piłsudski, Roman Dmowski, Ignacy Paderewski, Wincenty Witos, Wojciech Korfanty and Ignacy Daszyński - would be adapted by the whole Polish nation so we could celebrate the anniversary of our independence in unity and forgiveness.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4

- ♦ **20/10 First Saturday of term 4.**
- ♦ **10/11 A trip to St Marys Cathedral in Sydney—NO School that day.**
- ♦ **11/11 100th anniversary of Poland's Independence**
- ♦ **8/12 Last Saturday of term 4—end of 2018 school year.**

Thanks to the help of Mr. Darek Plust, we managed to organise a bus transport for the solemn Holy Mass to commemorate the 100th anniversary of regaining Independence by Poland held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Sydney. Holy Mass, under the guidance of Bishop Dariusz Kałuża, will take place on 10th of November at 10am. On this day, there will be no classes at our school. I would like to encourage all of you, dear parents, to take part in this unique event, which - I am convinced - will be a manifestation of our national pride and gratitude for the 100 years of the existence of the independent Polish State. Due to the costs associated with renting a bus, I ask all parents to provide the exact number of people interested in going to Holy Mass by October 24th. Transport costs are as follows: children who are students of our school - free of charge, parents \$10 per person. In case there are still vacancies, I would like to announce the possibility of transport to the Cathedral in the local Polish parish in Minto.

I wish all of us - students, teachers and parents- a successful term teaching Polish language and patriotic values to the young generation of Poles in Australia.

SUMMARY OF TERM 3

Visit from Mrs. Enya Gannon—Education Officer from Community Languages Schools Program

On Saturday, 25/08/18, Mrs. Enya Gannon - Education Officer from Community Languages Schools Program paid a visit to our school. Around 12:00PM, Enya met with students and teachers of individual classes, and then conducted an orientation meeting with the Parents Committee. She presented the latest requirements for running a Community Language School as ours from an administrative point of view. The meeting was held in a nice and family atmosphere, and Enya did not hide her surprise with the professionalism with which our school is run. We hope for another meeting with Enya in the next term, during which Enya will conduct "Smartboard" training for our teachers. Thank you very much to Enya for her visit and we are looking forward to seeing you again!



Meet the actor

On Saturday, 25/08/2018 the students of our school had an amazing opportunity and pleasure to meet the actor - Mr. Michał Macioch, who in a beautiful way shared with us his skills and acting talent by presenting "Stefek Burczymucha." Michał did a fantastic job, and our children had a taste of real theatre in their classrooms. For a moment we found ourselves in a fairy-tale world and completely forgot about problems of everyday life. Children were very enthusiastic about the poem presented by Michał: we could hear laughter and thunderous applause. Michał simply charmed them - besides, not only children were charmed, but also us - teachers. In our busy world, we have so little opportunity to meet with real art. We are very pleased that Michał found time to meet with our students and provided them with unforgettable memories. After the poem, the time has come to read a bilingual book titled "Jego magiczna moc / His secret power", which tells the story of the adventures of Pierog Włodek. We hope that these meetings will be continued in the future, because children are eagerly awaiting the next meeting with Pierog Włodek and the other heroes of the book by Anna Nasiff.



Conference for Polish Language teachers

On Saturday 01/09/2018 there was a conference for teachers teaching at Polish Saturday Schools in Sydney. In this important event for the Polish education in Australia, our school was represented by Mr. Michał Macioch, who conducts drama classes with the students of our school, and Ms. Urszula Kościńska - who takes care of our school library. On behalf of myself and all teachers of our school, I would like to thank Mrs. Małgorzata Vella and Mrs. Elżbieta Cesarski for their hard work in organizing this event. We are aware of how much time and effort, how many telephone calls, emails and various other things had to be organised. We greatly appreciate the hard work both ladies put in to promoting the Polish language and culture in the young generation of Polonia in Australia. We are very happy that Ula and Michał could participate in the Conference and I am sure that they will share their knowledge and skills with us.

School Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, our first long-awaited school trip to Calmsley Hill City Farm took place. The trip was partially sponsored by **"Freedom and Democracy"** Foundation at the **Senate of the Republic of Poland** as part of the project "Supporting Polish Education in the World".

We are extremely grateful to the "Freedom and Democracy" Foundation for financial assistance in the implementation of our school excursion project. It is difficult to find words that would fully reflect our joy that we could spend this day together as a school community: students, teachers and parents.

Our trip had two basic goals: an educational goal and an integrational goal.

♦ Educational goals:

- The student recognizes and names animals living in the countryside in Polish;
- The student builds simple sentences in Polish on the subject of farm animals;
- The student recognizes the characteristic sounds made by farm animals.

♦ Integrational goal:

- Strengthening social bonds and integration of the school community.

On the beautiful, warm spring Saturday morning, in front of the entrance gate to Calmsley Hill City Farm, the students gathered together with their parents and teachers from the Macarthur Polish Saturday School.

The first event of the day was opportunity to interact with various types of domestic animals. There were rabbits and goats and sheep and ponies. It was so much fun for the kids! This joy was painted not only on the faces of children, but also on the faces of their parents. Some of our students had the unique opportunity to feed a little lamb from a bottle. Ah - what a sight it was! There was lots of laughter and joy!

Another attraction was milking the cows. At 11:00 am, a large crowd of onlookers of all age and size gathered together around the cow, and everyone, without exception, wanted to see if it was possible that chocolate or strawberry milk would flow by accident. Unfortunately, some of our kids were honestly disappointed when it turned out that milk from a cow is always ... only white. Some of our students tried their hand at milking the cow, which was captured in our pictures. I am proud to admit that I myself have attempted to milk the cow and was successful at it.

At 12:00 we gathered for a lunch together. All parents talked merrily with each other, and the children kicked a ball together on a large open field. Together we sang popular Polish songs. It was made possible by our wonderful Mr. Darek Plust, who brought with him a guitar and songbooks. Mr. Darek had a speakers on him so that it could be heard better. I am very grateful to Mr. Darek for his presence! Without him and his talent, our trip would certainly not be the same. After lunch, some of the parents took their children to the farm yard, where kangaroos were laying lazily on the sun. Others went to watch dog training. Their trainer was just perfect in her profession. With great pleasure I watched the performances of her pupils. At the end, you could watch and admire the skills of men who deal with professional sheep shearing. They did it with amazing skill - the children became hypnotized watching them in action.

Our trip turned out to be a great adventure and success for both children and adults. Once again, we direct the words of gratitude towards the **Freedom and Democracy Foundation** for making this trip possible.

And did the children like the Farm? Please, check the photos and decide it for yourself!



Father's and Grandfather's Day

On Saturday, 01/09/2018, we celebrated Father's and Grandfather's Day at our school. A joint meeting of our school's students with their dads and grandads who were invited for the occasion turned out to be a huge success for all children, teachers, parents and grandparents. The beginning of the assembly was scheduled for 12:00PM. In the morning, the children under the watchful eye of teachers prepared cards and small gifts for their dads and grandads in their classrooms. Teachers asked students what they like to do the most with their dads and how do they spend time together. There were different answers to that question; boys were talking about kicking the football with dad or fixing a bicycle or other equipment together at home. Girls talked about going with their dads to the movies or for a walk to the park. Despite the multitude of different answers, they all had one, commonality, that is, dad is always needed and with dad there is always fun!

Half an hour before the start of the assembly our beloved mums from the Parental Committee; Dominika, Agnieszka and Agatka prepared all necessary elements for children to create delicious and colourful-looking fruit skewers. The children themselves put pieces of various fruits on sticks trying very hard to make their fruit skewers look beautiful and appetizing. It was supposed to be a surprise present for our beloved dads and grandads. The end result was stunning! We all looked at the ready fruit skewers with delight - it was simply the tastiest concert of both taste and colour that I saw in my life! The very last piece of work that the children needed to do was attaching a heart at the top of the fruit skewer with the name of daddy or grandfather.

We started our assembly right on time by singing our school song. Next, the school's coordinator - Mrs. Bernadeta welcomed all the guests with special reference to dads and grandads. We were also pleased with the presence of our Priest catechist Edmund Budziłowicz. After the greetings, it was time for performances. Mr. Darek Plust, who tirelessly supports our school with his musical talent, prepared together with the students several songs for dads and grandads. Here are some of the titles: "I'm not scared when it's dark", "What will my father say", "Daddy, Daddy, I'll give you", "Daddy".

The songs were combined with the performances of each individual class. Children starting with our eldest group and finishing with the youngest, recited beautifully Polish poems for our dear fathers and grandfathers. There was also a competition. Mrs. Bernadeta chose three brave grandfathers, who without hands had to eat donuts from plates supported by their grandchildren. There was a lot of joy, laughter and uproar. I must proudly admit that our grandads really deserved a medal.

After the official part of our assembly, the time has come for a less official, but equally important part, that is, a joint meeting and conversation over coffee, tea and cake. Before we started to demolish sweets prepared by our dear mums, we sung for the priest a Happy Birthday. We also complied with the wishes for the pupils of our school, who celebrated their birthday recently.

It was with great pleasure that I watched the dads and grandads who, after finding a fruit shashlik with their name, looked at it with joy and ate it with delight painted on their faces.

Beloved Dads and Grandads, thank you for your presence at our assembly. We are happy that we could give you a little joy on your very special day. Let me, at this point, make a word of gratitude to all those who have given their time, work, energy and enthusiasm to prepare our assembly. Beloved Teachers with Mr. Darek in the lead, thank you for your work with children in classes. Dear Mothers, thank you for preparing the refreshments. Us teachers are the fingers of one hand, you dear parents are the fingers of the other hand and together we can really do a lot of good for our children.





NSW Federation of Community Languages 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner

On Saturday, 6 October 2018 a gala dinner was held to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the New South Wales Federation of Community Languages. We were extremely impressed by the impetus of this event, of which, apart from many important guests including **The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP Premier of NSW**, representatives of almost all ethnic schools from all over the state were represented. Congratulations to Mr. Albert Vella and the entire Organization Committee on their huge success. Thanks to their extremely hard work, the family of ethnic schools, to which we also belong, flourishes and develops like never before. We bow our

heads to you for the work and effort involved in the preparation of this celebration, as well as many other events aimed at supporting community language schools in New South Wales. The following ladies represented our school in this important event: Dominika Smutek, Urszula Kościańska, Helena Kokoszka and Elżbieta Purchała. On behalf of the ladies present at the anniversary dinner and the entire community of the **Macarthur Polish Saturday School**, we thank the Federation Committee and all those involved in the preparation of the event for the opportunity to be part of it and wish you further successes in the future! Your success is our success!



Congrats Magda!

Year six student - Magdalena Kawa - proudly presents her **homework**, the subject of which was: **"Polish August"**. Magda commemorated on her poster the anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, the anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw in 1920, August - as a month of pilgrimage to the feet of the Lady of Jasna Gora and the Day of Freedom and Solidarity celebrated on August 31. Congratulations to Magda for beautiful homework and Mrs. Celinka Macioch - our great teacher of Classes V and VI - for the extraordinary ability to teach students patriotism and infect them with enthusiasm and love for their country of origin.

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



Warm Weather

Summer is just around the corner. It gets warmer every day. I am asking



all parents to make sure that their child has a **hat** on each Saturday together with a **bottle of water** and a **sun protection cream**.

As always we encourage you to buy fresh **Polish bread, donuts (pączki) 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**



Address: 0/32 Oxford Road, Ingleburn NSW 2565

Food Allergies

Two students currently enrolled at our school have been diagnosed with food allergies. First student is allergic to **fresh egg products**.

The other student has allergy to food products containing **honey**.

We ask all parents to make sure that these products are excluded from your childrens' lunchboxes. For now these are the only food restrictions that apply 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.



Contact Numbers For Teachers

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

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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”**.



Mobile: 0432367080;
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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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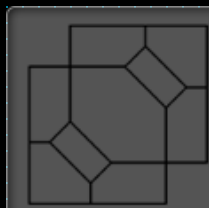
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