



NEWSLETTER

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Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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Welcome to the new school year 2019!

We eagerly await our first meeting with students and parents following the summer holidays. We hope that you will all return to us not only with a beautiful tan on your face, but also with a supply of fresh strength and a lot of energy for a new year of study and work. We especially welcome our new students and their families. We hope that you feel most welcome with us and that the friendships that you make here continue well into the future. With great joy, welcome to our school group a new teacher of the combined class V and VI, Mrs. Grażyna Pakulska. Mrs. Grażynka is an experienced teacher with many years of experience. I am convinced that it will be an inexhaustible support of our team. We are facing another year full of challenges and adventures associated with learning the Polish language. I wish you, and above all, our beloved pupils a wonderful year, many successes, satisfaction and faith in what we started together two years ago. By joining forces, we pass on to our children not only the native language, but also the traditions, culture and history of their country of origin.

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 1

- ♦ 9/2 Start of school year
- ♦ 9/3 Parents Assembly—Elections to the Parent's Committee
- ♦ 6/4 Easter Assembly
- ♦ 6/4 Last Saturday in Term 1

CURRENT INFORMATION

Warm weather

We are experiencing very hot weather this Summer. 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, for their help in selling these delicacies.



Bunnings Fundriser

We received a proposal to organize another fundraiser for the school. As we are a young institution, we use every available opportunity to gain financial resources for the school- fundamental to its functioning.

Date: Sunday 7/4/19 Time: 9:00—4:00

Location: Bunnings @ Gregory Hills

Together, we can do a lot. We ask everyone who can help in organizing this undertaking to do so. Even the smallest help will be appreciated :)

On Saturday, 9 March 2019 at 9.15am we have scheduled a meeting for all parents, during which the **elections to the Parental Committee for 2019** will be held.

During the meeting, a financial summary for 2017 will be presented. We look forward to your presence, along with new energy and ideas for the coming year and the good of the children and the whole school!

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.**



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The composition of the School Committee:

- ◆ **President**—Dominika Herdzik
- ◆ **Vice-President**—Agnieszka Godden
- ◆ **Public Officer** -
Helena Kokoszka
- ◆ **Treasurer**
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- ◆ **Secretary**
Katarzyna Lavorato



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 product are excluded from your childrens' lunchboxes. For now these are the only food restrictions that applie 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.



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



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Student/Teacher ID Card

We will accept applications for the issue or renewal of student/teacher ID's card. The ID entitles students or teachers from our school to discounted transport in Poland as well as discounts on entry tickets to museums and parks. If you are planning a trip to Poland and are interested, please contact me or your child's teacher. Do not miss this opportunity!



SUMMARY OF TERM 4 2018

Our second operational year ended with huge success thanks to the hard work and effort of many people. We would like to thank our wonderful teachers, together with Mr. Darek, Mrs Małgosia Helwani, Mrs Ula Koscianska, the Parents' Committee, Sponsors, and all of you—dear parents. Without your support and commitment, our success would not have been possible.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining independence by students of Macarthur Polish Saturday School

The first event that commenced the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of Poland's independence was the help of our school in organizing the stay of Professor Tomasz Pudlocki of the Jagiellonian University in Sydney (doctor habilitatus in the humanities specialization history of culture, science and education, adjunct at the Institute of History of the Jagiellonian University). Professor Pudlocki came to Australia at the invitation of the Melbourne Polish School. On Sunday, October 14, at the Polish Club in Bankstown, Professor Tomasz Pudłocki delivered a very interesting lecture: "The role of Polonia in regaining Poland's independence in 1914-1921." The lecture was preceded by a 15-minute documentary summarizing the events culminating in the moment of Poland's gaining her independence in November 1918.



Another event dedicated to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining independence was "Polish Day", which was initiated by the teacher of V and VI classes - Cecylia Macioch. Both students and teachers were asked to bring to school - souvenirs brought or received from Poland, with which we then decorated tables and made a mini exhibition for everyone to admire. The students from the oldest class had to additionally say a few words about the items they brought and justify why they chose such a souvenir. On the map of Poland purchased by the school last year, students glued tiny flags, marking the place of origin of their families. We sang together with the children a few traditional patriotic songs, such as "Płynie Wisła płynie" or "Przybyli Ułani pod okienko". We also practiced Polish national anthem, in each of our classes without exception. Class I students, under the guidance of the teacher, arranged educational puzzles, the subject of which was the map of Poland. They liked this game so much that they did it three times in a row - of course, each time they would finish in less and less time. The children were also colouring Polish national emblem – White Eagle, after they got familiarised with the legend of Lech, Czech and Rus.



On Saturday, November 10, on the eve of the 100th anniversary of the independence of Poland, the Community of Macarthur Polish Saturday School took off for the solemn Holy Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Sydney. I am very grateful to Mr. Dariusz Plust for his help in organizing bus transport for this ceremony.

During the Holy Mass, our students listened attentively to the content of the beautiful homily given that day by Bishop Dariusz Kałuża. This extraordinary homily will forever be etched in our hearts in an absolutely unique way. With each sentence uttered by the Bishop and with every poetic sentence he quoted beat the enormity of patriotism and extraordinary knowledge, based on true love for the homeland. On behalf of the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur, I would like to thank all the organizers - Polish Consulate in Sydney, the Congregation of the Society of Christ the King and the Federation of Polish Organizations in NSW, for the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary event.

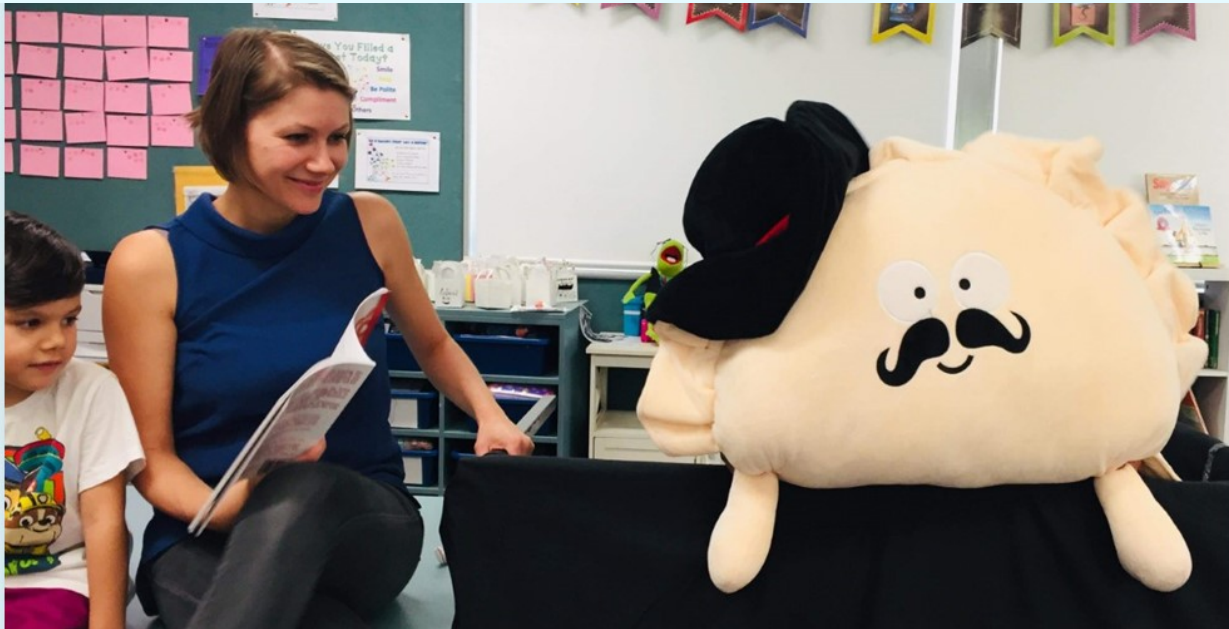


After the solemn Holy Mass in the Cathedral, which was a manifestation of national pride and gratitude to God for a free and independent country, a large group of students, parents and teachers drove to the Polish Club in Bankstown to represent our school at the Academy on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of regaining Independence. The beginning of the Academy, whose main organizer was the Federation of Polish Organizations in the NSW, was scheduled for 3PM. The students of our school prepared a short staging entitled "Our Independence", which was a summary of key events from 100 years ago. The staging was supported by a multimedia presentation and intertwined with main patriotic songs from that period, such as "Rota" or "March of the First Brigade". Students from other Polish Saturday Schools, folklore groups and Polish singers and reciters from the Fantazja Theatre also took part in the Academy. It was a beautiful day, filled with a strong patriotism and gratitude to God for the independence that had been regained.



Staging of a children's book entitled "His secret power"

On Saturday November 24, we had the pleasure of hosting Mrs. Anna Nassif in our school - the author of the children's book entitled "His secret power" and the actor - Mr. Michał Macioch. "His Secret Power" is an extremely innovative and interesting book for children of all ages. With his content and illustrations, it undoubtedly encourages to learn Polish and get acquainted with the adventures of the main character - Pierog Włodek.



Our children had the pleasure to hear about Pierog Włodek once again, thanks to meeting with the actor - Mr. Michał Macioch. Students from every age group watched with great attention the adventures of the brave hero Pierog Włodek who is the man character of the book by Mrs. Anna Nassif. This bilingual reading tells the adventures of extremely intelligent and charismatic Pierog Włodek who, without complexes starts in races for the best dough, completely not worried about his titled opponents coming from other - it would seem to be "more important" countries.



The author, in a way full of humour and surprising twists and turns, shows how important it is to be proud of your roots. This book passes both linguistic and patriotic content. Read in a proper way absolutely hypnotizes children with its content and develops their imagination. All this was perfectly visible that Saturday. Michał in an absolutely fantastic way portrayed the qualities of the main character, in which the super mascot of Pierog Włodek was very helpful. There were laughter and bursts of joy in the audience every now and then! Thanks to this wonderful staging, the children identified themselves with the main character and were very proud of him and his actions. As the director of the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur, I would like to express my gratitude and support to both the author of this book, Mrs. Anna Nassif, as well as to Mr. Michał Macioch, for the opportunity to present this book to students of our school. Children are awaiting impatiently for the next episode of the adventures of Brave Włodek. We hope that it will happen soon ... :)

With pride and joy, I would like to present two winners of prestigious prizes awarded for achievements in learning the Polish language.



Let's start with the student of 6th class—Pasquale Lavorato. Pasquale is a laureate of the Scoutmaster Witold Szupryczyński Award. This award is given annually to children and young people of the Polish community who are proud of their Polish roots and give in to Polish organizations (schools, dance groups, parishes). The second student that we are proud off - is Magdalena Kawa. Magda received the award of the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney awarded to the best students from Polish Language Schools in Sydney. We congratulate Pasquale, Magdalena and their parents - hard work, diligence and perseverance bear fruit in the form of great results in learning Polish language. The whole school



community is happy about your successes. You are our joy and pride! We wish you every success in the next years of learning Polish!

Announcement of the results of the "My Poland" Competition.

On Saturday 8/12/18 the results of the Competition initiated by the Association of Polish Teachers in the NSW entitled "My Poland" were announced. The main goal of the competition was to encourage children and young people to share their knowledge about Poland, to recall memories of their stay in the country, to deepen their knowledge of the Polish language and to strengthen their bonds with the culture of our nation. The competition over which the Honorary Patronage was held by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney along with the Federation of Polish Organizations in the NSW was inspired by the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence. We are proud and happy to share the great news that our young school took first place in the number of competition entries submitted. As the school's coordinator, I direct warm words of gratitude towards the class VI teacher - Mrs. Cecyla Macioch, who tirelessly and with great enthusiasm encouraged the students and parents of our oldest class to take part in the competition. Another reason for pride and joy is the fact that two pupils from our school: **Maya Dole** (class V) and **Anya Bieńkowska** (class VI) - took first place in their age category. Maya drew a map of Poland, and on it everything that she loves about her country of orygin and connected it with a heart line with the map of Australia. She described her poster in one sentence: "Your home is where your heart is." Anya, on the other hand, described her memories of experiencing Christmas together with her family in Poland. Our school also won two second places in the competition. **Julia Kościańska** (class V) and **Magda Kawa** (class VI) received awards for their work. I also pay tribute to the students **Gabrysia Helwani** and **Maja Mukherjee** for taking part in the competition. I am extremely grateful to Mrs. Marianna Łacek - the chairman of the competition jury who made a special effort to come to the Polish Club in Bankstown, to personally give prizes to the students of our school who danced that day at a Christmas party organized by the Song and Dance Ensemble "Kujawy". Dear girls - you are the best advertisement for our school! The entire community of the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur is very proud of your achievements! "



Polish Festival in Plumpton

A week before the end of the school year, December 2, 2018 Polish Christmas Festival in Plumpton took place. Our students actively participated in the artistic part of the Festival, which Mr Michał Macioch was responsible for. The children sang for all the carols of Noah's Ark "Świeć gwiazdeczko" and a song entitled "Jesteśmy Polką i Polakiem." The introduction to the performance was the declamation of the poem "Kto Ty jesteś—Polak Mały" in a beautiful performance of Krystian and Layla Smutek. Dear children - thank you for the wonderful and courageous performance - you were simply fantastic!

Wait a minute ... Plumpton is not only the success of our talented students, but also our "pancake" success. This success was due to the consistent work of many people under the command of the head of the Parental Committee, Mrs. Dominika Smutek. Dear girls and gentlemen, you were just great! I think that despite the difficult weather conditions (strong wind made work extremely hard) we had a fantastic time there, and by the way we made extra funds for the school!!! This is what is called a great Team Work.



The end of 2018 school year

On Saturday, December 8, we have celebrated the end of 2018 school year. It was a year of hard work in classrooms - a year of a beautiful and special jubilee - a year during which we all enriched each other with knowledge, support and joy. We started the day at 9:30am with Mass for students of our school, in the church dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary in Eagle Vale. The concelebrated Holy Mass was presided over by Father Sławek Płonka. He was accompanied by our Priest Catechist Edmund Budziłowicz and the local Vicar. It was a very special day, because the end of the year at our school coincided with the celebration of a local Australian parish. For this reason, the church was full that day, and the local parishioners prayed for God's blessing over our students, and we prayed for the parish on the day of its feast.

Students of the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur took an active part in the Holy Mass through reading, prayers of the faithful and bringing gifts to the altar. Father Sławek, together with everyone present at the Holy Mass, sang in both languages the song so close to our Polish hearts "Po górach, dolinach" and another religious song "When I kneel in front of You". We are very grateful to Father Sławek for his support and help for our school. Thanks to his hospitality and great heart, we could sell donuts and Polish bread to the local parishioners, which was undoubtedly a huge financial support for our young school.



After the end of the Mass, we went to the buildings of Robert Townson Public School, where the official celebrations related to the end of the school year for the students of our school were held. We started our assembly with the production of staging "Our Independence" prepared for celebrating the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence. Later, the students sang two songs for the parents, grandparents and friends of the school, one on patriotic subjects and the other on Christmas themes, followed by a presentation of each class combined with presenting certificates and gifts from Santa. First, Kindergarten Diplomas were given up to our Preschool students, and then, successively, pupils from each class - on grade 6 - that is, our wonderful graduates - finishing. This year, three sixth-graders said goodbye to our school: Anya Bieńkowska, Pasquale Lavorato and Magda Kawa. We were sad to say goodbye to them - on the other hand, we know that time cannot be stopped ... I was proud to look at Anya, Magda and Pasquale and I am sure that what we have shared with them as parents and school will bear fruit in the future. Mrs. Cecylia Macioch in the last two years with a great passion, energy and indispensable enthusiasm planted in them feelings of patriotism and a strong love for the homeland. All three are proud of their roots and who they are.

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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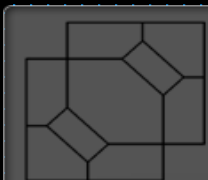
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