



NEWSLETTER

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Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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Welcome to term 2!

The end of each term encourages reflection and summaries regarding the efforts put in the didactic process of teaching Polish Language. The main element of this process is the teacher's effort to prepare and conduct classes, which in turn is reflected in the successes of individual students of our school. This process is also the implementation of the school mission, which expresses itself with intense work on shaping beautiful souls and minds in the young generation of Polonia, making them sensitive to the lasting ideals of the Polish national tradition. It should be emphasized that these tasks would not have been possible without the fruitful cooperation with the parents of our pupils and the Parental Committee, which is the body supervising the school's activities. On behalf of myself and all teachers, I would like to thank everyone for the fact that we can always count on your help in any situation.

Term 1 passed by so quickly 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 observe both new students and their parents who, in a 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

- ♦ 4/5 First Saturday of term 2
- ♦ 11/5 Mother's Day
- ♦ 1/6 International Childrens' Day Celebrations
- ♦ 22/6 ; 29/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ♦ 29/6 Last Saturday of Term 2

CURRENT INFORMATION

A hat, water bottle & sunscreen

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



Food Allergies

Two students currently enrolled at our school have been diagnosed with food allergies. First student is allergic to **eggs, soy** and **nuts** 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.



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.**



Scoutmaster Witold Szupryczyński's Award



Our school was asked to nominate one student for the Scoutmaster Witold Szupryczyński's Award. After prior consultations with teachers of all classes, it has been decided to nominate a student of class VI **Anya Bieńkowska** to receive this award. Anya is a diligent and hardworking student who treats learning Polish language in a very responsible way.

Congratulations to Anya and her parents!

"Creative Kids" Program

With pleasure and real joy I would like to inform all of you that at the beginning of February this year our school was registered a Creative Kids Provider. Thanks to this, each parent or legal guardian can apply for a \$ 100 voucher for a child being a pupil of our school. At the same time, I would like to thank all of you who handed over the Vouchers in the first term. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's teacher.



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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!



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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2565





School Website

I would like to take this opportunity to update the information

about the website for our school. With real pride and real joy I would like to inform you that at the end of last school year, work on the creation of the website was successfully completed.

I encourage all of you to read the information contained there. At the same time, thank you to all those who supported me in this task. Let me mention three names: Joasia Sadowski, Anita Stone and Arek Kwiatkowski.

<http://macarthurpolsatschool.org.au/>

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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 11 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 (pączki) and pastries**. Thank you to our beloved mothers, for their help in selling these delicacies.



SUMMARY OF TERM ONE

On Saturday, 23 March 2019 at 9.15 am, the **Annual General Meeting** was held during which elections to the **School Committee for 2019** were carried out. During the meeting, a detailed financial settlement for 2018 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. Agatka Pochanke, who was our treasurer for 2018, for her exceptionally diligent and thorough work. Agatka is an extremely valuable pillar of our school. I greatly appreciate her professionalism and support.

I would like to extend a warm welcome and introduce a new member to the School Committee—Hania Beshai.

Below is the full composition of the School Committee for 2019, 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	Hania Beshai
♦ Secretary	Katarzyna Lavorato

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



Beginning of the 2019 school year at the Macarthur Polish Saturday School

On Saturday, 9/2/19, we started another year of work at Macarthur Polish Saturday School.

Traditionally, the inauguration of the new school year took place at Mary Immaculate Church in Eagle Vale during the Mass celebrated for the students of our school.

The Holy Mass was presided over by the parish priest – Father Slawek Ponka, who together with us sang in the Polish and English language the favourite song of our holy Pope John Paul II titled “Barka”. The students of our school took an active part in the Holy Mass. Together with the local

parish, we prayed for God’s blessing and protection of the Mother of God for the whole year of education for students, teachers and parents. After the Mass, the organizational meeting began, during which important information about the safety rules at the school as well as the curriculum in individual age groups were provided. Coordinator of the school – Mrs. Bernadeta Kawa welcomed the new students and their families with joy and introduced them into the rules of the school’s work. In the meantime, our students under the supervision of Gosia Helwani, Urszula Koscianska and Michal Macioch, created beautiful artwork. The theme of which was the memories of past holidays. Our little artists showed not only artistic talent, but also great ingenuity. Take a look at the results of their work and judge it for yourselves :)



Methodological workshops for teachers



A very important event for the Polish education in Australia were free of charge methodological workshops for teachers of Polish as a second / foreign language. The workshops took place on Saturday 9/2/19 in the building of the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Sydney. These trainings were conducted by Mrs. Irena Stempek, one of the best-selling authors in Europe and America of series of textbooks “POLISH step by step – junior”. The Polish Saturday School in Macarthur was represented by five teachers on that day. We are very grateful to all the organizers Mrs. Marianna Lacek and Mrs. Gosia Vella and to our dear Consul Irena Juszczuk and Joanna Splocharska for allowing us to take part in this extremely fruitful meeting.

The NSW Premier’s Harmony Dinner 2019

On March 21st each year, we are celebrating 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 Thursday 28 of February 2019 four Ladies from our school: Agnieszka Godden, Urszula Koscianska, Malgorzata Helwani and Hanna Beshai represented our school community at Harmony Dinner with the NSW Premier Mrs Gladys Berejiklian.



Sausage sizzle Fundraising @ Gregory Hills Bunnings

On the seventh of April – on a beautiful, sunny, autumn morning, several enthusiasts from the Macarthur Polish Saturday School met near the entrance to Gregory Hills Bunnings to sell sausages, drinks and donuts, and thereby collect valuable funds for the school. From the early hours of the morning, our dear parents were busy organizing the stand: they set tables, fried sausages and onions, cut rolls, put drinks into ESKYs filled with ice, prepared donuts and buns for sale. Our goal for the day was to sell all of these products. It took many hands to work. Thanks to the diligence and generosity of Dear Ladies from the Parents' Committee: Dominika Smutek, Agnieszka Godden and Hania Beshai, who enthusiastically took care of the organization of this event – we had enough willing hands to help throughout the whole long day. Everyone offered as much time as he could – some came for an hour, others for two or three, and still others were there throughout the whole day. This type of task can not be done and carried out alone – it needed well-coordinated team of parents. Beloved – I am absolutely impressed by your diligence, generosity, professionalism and completely unique and top-shelf cooperation in the team. Not only we were as usual able to earn valuable funds for the school – additionally we all have had cheerful and super joyful day which is demonstrated by the attached photos. Thank you all for everything – I know how much effort you put in to make this day to be a successful one.



Mr. Piotr Szubarczyk pays a visit to our school

On Saturday, March 30, a group of very interesting guests including Mr. Adam Gajkowski - the President of the Federation of Polish Organizations in the NPW - paid a visit to our school. Mr. Gajkowski brought with him Mr. Piotr Szubarczyk - a publicist, Polish philologist and historian working at the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN). At 12:00 o'clock Mr. Szubarczyk met with our school's students. The theme of the meeting were Polish national symbols. After the meeting, the main purpose of which was instilling in patriotic feelings in our students, Mr. Szubarczyk presented our little listeners with prizes in the form of T-shirts with the image of Mały Powstaniec, anchor - a sign of Fighting Poland and other gifts.

We are very thankful that, despite the flood of other appointments, you have found time to meet with our students.



Legal and financial presentation



On Saturday 30 March 2019 a financial and legal presentation took place in the White Eagle Hall in Cabramatta. The first such presentation took place on November 26 last year in the building of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney. The initiator of the meeting was Mrs. Vice-Consul Joanna Splocharska. Mrs. Vice-Consul, who is an extremely energetic person, and at the same time nice, cordial and full of innovative ideas in a noticeable way animates the Polonia Community in Sydney. The presentation, whose theme was: "Pension planning and inheritance law – answers to your questions" was prepared and entirely carried out by experts in their fields – Mr. Michal Brandt and Mr. Rafal Rogusz.

Mr. Michal Brandt (Senior Financial Planner – APT Wealth Partners) has been working in the financial services industry for 10 years. He is passionate about the complexity of the financial world and is enthusiastic about solving the secrets of the world of economics for the real good of his clients. Mr. Brandt skilfully and steadily leads his clients to achieve their financial goals. What's more – he believes that listening and understanding the needs of customers is the most important factor on which skilful financial advice is based. The specialty of Mr. Brandt is planning retirement and building an investment portfolio.

The second speaker was a lawyer, Mr. Rafal Rogusz, from the law firm Benefit Legal Lawyers. This company is a harmonious team of experienced specialists in the field of

law and commerce. The main priority of Benefit Legal Lawyers is high-quality cooperation with the client in order to achieve the best results favourable to the client. The company operates based on the "no win – no fees" principle.

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- Claims for damages,
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- Matters relating to family law,
- Inheritance law,
- Civil proceedings,
- Claims for negligence,
- Business transactions.

The whole meeting was conducted in a nice and family atmosphere. During the break, the audience gathered in the room had the opportunity to make coffee or tea and buy donuts and other tasty baked goods from the Copernicus Bakery. The proceeds from the sale were entirely allocated for the needs of the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur.

Summing up, I would like to once again express the words of gratitude to the initiator of these meetings – Mrs. Vice-Consul Joanna Splocharska and both Speakers: Mr. Michal Brandt and Mr. Rafal Rogusz, who have dedicated their free weekend time to the good of the Polish community. It is impossible not to mention here our host – the Polish Association in Cabramatta. From the first moment, Mrs. Krystyna Cyron supported our initiative and thanks to the openness of her great heart, we were able to use the White Eagle Room free of charge. I also thank dear mums from our school, without whom the meeting at Cabramatta could not take place and all the listeners present that day.

Easter Assembly

On Saturday, 6 April 2019, the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur held an Easter assembly, the aim of which was to present rich and colourful traditions and customs associated with the celebration of Easter. As usual, the weather was good for us. In the morning we were greeted by beautiful, smiling autumn sunshine.

We started the day with lessons in individual classes. Of course, Easter was the subject for the day in all age groups. The teachers brought with them lots of props, such as: Easter palms, decorated Easter tablecloths, baskets where you could find salt, eggs, bread, sausage, lambs made of sugar - all those products that we bring to church on Holy Saturday for blessing. Together with the children, we put all items in a basket lined with a beautiful white serviette. Children took turns naming all the products. There were also art classes: children made baskets from a previously prepared template, decorated eggs that magically turned into beautiful, colourful and happy Easter eggs. Class II and III, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Małgosia Jagodzińska, prepared a huge Easter egg for everyone to admire. Look and see for yourself - isn't it great ?!

At 11:30 we started the official Easter celebrations. I was happy to watch on one side: the parents, grandparents and friends of our school gathered on that day, and on the other side, a group of forty beautifully and festively dressed students of our school. The children looked really colourful and cheerful. After a short welcome to all guests who came to our ceremony - it was time for children to perform. We started with the singing of our school song, which in itself gives both performers and listeners a lot of positive energy each time. Then, students from the 5th and 6th class presented Polish Easter traditions and customs. In words, they painted pictures of Easter palms, an Easter baskets, a Sunday breakfast and a Smingus-Dyngus on Easter Monday. These verbal images were intertwined with songs. The first of them was entitled "Skacze droga zając" and the second "Ida dzieci ze swieconym". The next performers were class II and III students who used their gigantic Easter egg-shaped cardboard, which they prepared themselves. The main character of their performance was of course ... an Easter egg. Then we sang together another song titled „Pisanki”. After class II and III, class "O" and "I" students appeared on the stage. Little performers were reciting a happy rhyme titled "I tell you, I tell you - what I have with this hare". The children delighted the listeners not only with the fact that they learned their texts beautifully, but also with their children's joy and smile painted on their small faces.

The last point of the program was the dancing of all children to the rhythm of the lively and cheerful song "Miala baba koguta."

Ah - how much joy was there! Not only children danced, but also teachers along with them. It was an extremely colourful and energetic dance that gave all of us a lot of positive energy and joy. The originator of the dance part of the performance was the teacher of our oldest class, Mrs. Grażyna Pakulska, whom I would like to thank not only for watching over the whole program, but additionally with her extremely valuable ideas, she undoubtedly enriched our assembly.

At this point, I can not omit a very important element, which was a beautifully decorated Easter table. It was an extremely important component and at the same time the background for all performances. For the third time, Mrs. Krysia Morawski agreed to prepare it for us. The beautifully decorated Easter table was for children and all of us gathered this day a lesson in itself: a lesson of rich Polish traditions and customs associated with the celebration of Easter. I am deeply convinced that the memories and images of the Easter table will be deeply remembered by our pupils.

After the performances, it was time for the competitions. The first of these was to peel and eat the eggs as quickly as possible. The winner was the routine and experience as the team that included grandmother, grandfather and granddaughter came first. Grandma took no time to peel an egg, and a grandfather ate it in the blink of an eye. In the next competition, 3 racing teams were holding an egg throughout the length of the room as follows: the youngest participant (child) carried an egg on a large tablespoon, mum carried an egg on a tiny teaspoon, and dad carried an egg on a large tablespoon that he kept in his mouth. There were a lot of happiness, joy and applause, and as a reward all participants of the competition received a chocolate egg.

The last point of the program was refreshments prepared by our irreplaceable mothers from the Parental Committee. There was of course coffee, tea and a lot of delicious cakes. I am very grateful to ladies Dominika Smutek, Agnieszka Godden, Agatka Pochanek and Hania Beshai for their great attitude and help. It was also a time for a meeting, a conversation - time for Easter wishes.

The atmosphere of the meeting was filled with warmth and kindness. Thank you very much to our dear sponsors: Marysia and Marek Strzemkowski and Lucyna and Wiesław Paździor for funding the lottery prizes.

Summing up, after my favourite poet—Father Jan Twardowski I would like to wish "each and every one in turn Easter joy, which may last despite suffering, truly Christian joy, which lasts even when they are overwhelmed - whether small or big - only human nights."



Annual State Community Language Teachers Conference & Professional Development Training Day

NSW FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS INC.

Annual State Community Language Teachers Conference
and Professional Development Training Day

Eastern Ave. Auditorium - University of Sydney Saturday, 13 April, 2019

"Community Languages in a Multilingual, Multicultural Context"

**KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND WORKSHOP
INFORMATION**

8.00 to 8.45	Registration
9.00 to 9.30	Official opening
9.30 to 10.30	Keynote address: Mr Matthew Absalom, University
MORNING TEA 10.30 to 11.00	
11.00 to 12.00	Keynote address Dr Robyn Moloney, Macquarie
Workshop sessions times are:	
12PM to 1 PM	Session 1 workshops
LUNCH 1PM to 2PM	
2PM to 3PM	Session 2 workshops
3PM to 4PM	Session 3 workshops (followed by prize draw)



LEARN A LANGUAGE



On Saturday, April 13, an annual Conference for Ethnic Language Teachers in New South Wales took place. That day, together with five other teachers, I once again had the pleasure of representing our school in this extremely important event for ethnic schools. For years I have been very impressed with the momentum with which the Conference is organized. The main goal of the Conference is to improve the qualifications of ethnic language teachers. Together with more than 750 people present at the Conference that day, I had the opportunity to take part in a number of different lectures and workshops. The range and level of training available to participants each year is consistently at a very high level. Congratulations to the entire Organizing Committee for your great success. Thanks to their hard work, the family of ethnic schools, to which we also belong, flourishes and develops like never before. We are extremely impressed and with the enormity of the work and effort put into preparing this and many other events to support ethnic schools in New South Wales. On behalf of the Ladies present at the Conference and the entire community of the Macarthur Polish Saturday School, we would like to thank the Organizing Committee for the opportunity to be a part of this event and wish you further successes in the future!

School Fees

Our treasurer Mrs. Hania Beshai 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, \$100 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

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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