



NEWSLETTER



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Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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Warm welcome at the beginning of term 4!

It is hard to believe that this Saturday we will start the fourth and last quarter of this school year, and it would seem that it was only yesterday that the inauguration of the third school year for the students of the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur took place. It's only when we look at our own children and the students of our school that I really became aware of the passing time. I perceive the changes that take place in them - I see, with each passing year their growth, not only in centimeters, but more importantly - in enriching their knowledge, learning their roots and developing their personality. It is us - teachers, and you - dear parents who are responsible for, and have the privilege of shaping the souls and minds of these children, of teaching them Polish traditions, history and culture. And that together with teaching our students the Polish language is precisely the purpose of our school.

Last term abounded in patriotic events shaping minds, opening hearts and developing in our school students what, in a nutshell, we call "Love for the home country". The celebrations commemorating the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II largely contributed to this. I am extremely proud that together we managed to create something so beautiful and touching. I am deeply convinced that the word-music program "Time of love, time of duty" and feelings associated with it will fall into the hearts and minds of all of us, and above all our dear students. I wish all of us many success in the next - last term of this school year and I am looking forward to meeting you at school this Saturday.

IMPORTANT DATES

IN TERM 4

- ♦ **19/10 First Saturday of Term 4**
- ♦ **19/10 National Reading held at our school**
- ♦ **26/10 Mr. Michael Brandt pays us a visit—meeting with both parents and students**
- ♦ **8/12 Polish Christmas Festival at „Polonia” Sports Club in Plumpton**
- ♦ **7/12 Last Saturday of term 4—end of 2019 school year**

CURRENT INFORMATION

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**.



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 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.



CURRENT INFORMATION

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.**



The composition of the School Committee:

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| • President | Dominika Herdzik |
| • Vice-President | Agnieszka Godden |
| • Public Officer | Helen Kokoszka |
| • School Coordinator | Bernadeta Kawa |
| • Treasurer | Hanna Beshai |
| • Secretary | Ewelina Cini |
| • Member | Anna Nowicka |

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



"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, second & third 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



Minister's Award for Gabriella Helwani-Class 6

On Monday 9th of September, a student of our school - Gabriella Helwani from 6th class, received the 2019 Minister's Award for Excellence in student achievement for outstanding results in learning the Polish language.

Huge congratulations to Gabrysia, her proud parents, and the entire school community. Gabrysia began studying at Polish school at the age of six. I remember very well this beautiful, tiny girl with long, black, braided hair. It was in my class that Gabrysia began her adventure with learning the Polish language. 7 years have passed since then.

Gabrysia is growing up to be a beautiful, smart, ambitious young woman, not afraid of challenges. I am sure that with such an attitude towards study and work she will be able to achieve all her goals in the future. Once again, congratulations to Gabrysia and her parents. Your success is a great example to follow for many other families

where only one parent speaks the Polish language. Gabrysia speaks fluently in both languages, which is undoubtedly a credit to you. Gabriella - you are a great showcase of our school and we are all very happy with your well-deserved success!



Conference for Polish Language Teachers

A very important educational event for the Polish community in Australia is the annual Methodological Conference for Polish Language Teachers, which took place on Saturday, 14/9/19 at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney. The conference program was extremely interesting and certainly each person present at the Consulate was very content with all the workshops in which we had the pleasure to participate.

The main speakers were: Mrs. Liliana Sosnowska (ORPEG – Centre for the Development of Polish Education Abroad); Ms Magdalena Debowska (ODN / SWP - Teacher Training Centre / "Polish Community" Association), and Professor Marek Wierzbicki (KUL - Catholic University of Lublin). On the day, the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur was represented by three teachers: Mrs. Małgosia Jagodzinska, Mrs. Gosia Łyczczarz-Helwani and Mrs. Bernadeta Kawa. We are extremely grateful to all the organisers, especially to Gosia Vella and Ela Cesarski, and our Dear Hosts - Ladies Consul General Monika Kończyk, Irena Juszczyk and Joanna Spłocharska for enabling us to take part in this extremely fruitful meeting. The workshops led by Liliana Sosnowska and Magdalena Debowska were absolutely sensational! The presenters demonstrated many practical games and activities developing language skills, which we will definitely use during classes with students in our classrooms. Once again, thank you to the organisers of this event!



Performance commemorating 80 Anniversary of the outbreak of World War II

"The project is co-financed under the Polish diaspora funds of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland"

Dear Michal, Cecylia and you Dear students of our school!

Thank you for a beautiful performance. It is difficult to find words describing this event - thanks to you we had the opportunity to experience something really special! Let the tears of emotion that flow from the eyes of those who had the opportunity and the privilege of being part of this spectacle be a testimony to how much the scenes you recalled fell into the hearts of viewers. A great performance! Depth of experience! A lot of emotions! Thank you once again for all your efforts you put into preparation of this exceptional spectacle! I strongly encourage everyone to read the article by Marianna Lacek OAM, who amazingly captured the extraordinary atmosphere of this performance. The article entitled *"I believe in Poland so much, Mother"* is available on the websites of „Puls Polonia” & „Bumerang Polski”, where you can also find a youtube clip from this event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbujK3Zsk0k>



School Excursion 21/9/19

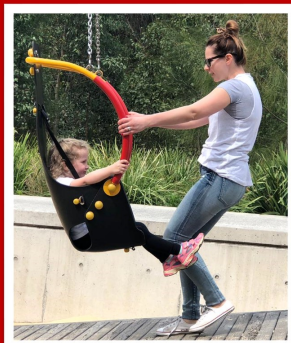
Financed by the 'Polish Community' Association from the resources of the Chancellery of the Senate of the Republic of Poland in the framework of caring for the Polish diaspora and Poles abroad in 2019.

Our school excursion which took place on the last Saturday of term 3 was trully amazing!

First of all, thank you Dear God for the wonderful weather. Thank you to Dominika for booking tickets for our visit to the **Old Government House** (I highly recommend visiting this place to all those who could not join us on Saturday) and for booking the shelter, as the location turned out to be a real hit! The playground next door was really fantastic! The kids had great fun there!!! Thinking of how well equipped the playground was, even surprised us all!

Thank you Basia Bialas together with her husband as well as Hania Beshai for feeding us all to our heart's content :)

The success of this day was not only due to the beautiful weather and excellent organisational skills of our beloved Dominica, but also, that we could together both adults and children spend time talking and having fun. Additionally - visiting Old Government House has allowed us to learn many new and interesting things about the history of white settlement in Australia. Thank you all for your support and presence !



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.

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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



ZWIAZEK HARCERSTWA POLSKIEGO

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.

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