



# NEWSLETTER



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## Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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**Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,**  
Welcome to the latest edition of the MPSS newsletter.



**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Macarthur Polish Saturday School remains CLOSED until further notice.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### IN TERM 2

- ♦ 10/5 Mother's Day
- ♦ 18/05 100 Anniversary of birth of Saint John Paul II
- ♦ 1/6 International Childrens' Day Celebrations
- ♦ 20/6 ; 27/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ♦ 27/6 Last Saturday of Term 2

While a couple months ago nobody could have predicted the situation we have found ourselves in as the

term one was drawing to a close, I remain grateful and inspired by support and understanding displayed by our Saturday School Community and the resilience that has been demonstrated by you and your children over these past few weeks—especially during Easter.

Easter has traditionally been a time of great sorrow and great joy for Christians over the past two millennia. Following the sadness and pain of the torture and death of Jesus Christ on Good Friday, we experience a time of mourning and 'nothingness' on Easter Saturday followed by the exhilaration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is this rollercoaster of emotions that often reflects the normal experiences that occur in our everyday lives. Christians are often referred to as "Easter peoples" which reflects on our basic belief in the value of **HOPE** for the better future.

At the beginning of Term 2, I would like to remind both students and parents of the importance of taking a break and spending fruitful time together. Where the opportunity arises, take time to read together, play and do things together and just spend quality time talking. Thank you all for your understanding and support particularly since the school was closed. **At this point in time we have been advised by the Department of Education to remain closed until further notice.** You will all be notified immediately via SMS if there is any changes to the current situation. I remain hopeful that soon enough we will be able to reopen the school so that once again we will be able to teach your children the Polish language :)

*Bernadeta Kawa*



# CURRENT INFORMATION

## Playgrup "Pracowite Pszczółki"

With real joy and pleasure I would like to inform you that from the middle of Term One a Playgroup for toddlers under the name "Hardworking Bees" has been



Fun games,  
storytime, art &  
craft, music &  
dance

When:  
Saturdays  
10:00—12:30

Contact:  
Kinga  
0491 127 197

All  
welcome!

Where: Robert  
Townson Public School  
Shuttleworth Ave,  
Raby NSW 2566

operating at our school. The Playgroup project is coordinated by Mrs. Kinga Pacione. Every Saturday I have been noticing how much fun and joy both mums and kiddies have together. These meetings have not only social but also educational aspect as well. From an early age, these children get familiarised with the Polish language and the culture and traditions of the country of origin of their parents and grandparents. Only recently I have realized how much a group like this was needed in our school. We strongly invite everyone interested in being part of this wonderful initiative. Please promote news about our Playgroup among your family and friends. I wish with all my heart that our school family will grow bigger and bigger :)



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**POLISH**

**FOR ADULTS**

**In LOVE with POLISH!**

- Classes take place every Saturday from 9:30 to 11 AM
- Experienced teachers
- The program is designed to accommodate learners with different levels of language knowledge
- Excellent base of educational materials
- Affordable prices

**ALL WELCOME!**

Contact: Bernadeta 0434 968 575 | Renata: 0404 920 516

## Polish Language Class For Adults

With great pleasure and satisfaction I would like to inform you that since last Saturday a Polish language class for adults has been operating at our school. This initiative was first suggested to me by one of our dads - Mr. Kris Wrona. Classes are conducted by Mrs Renatka Bieńkowska. Currently we have 4 people who have sign up to be part of this class. I am deeply convinced that this group will grow bigger soon. We strongly invite everyone interested in being part of this wonderful initiative. Please promote news about Polish for adult's class among your family and friends. I wish with all my heart that our school family will grow stronger and bigger :)

On Saturday, 22 February 2020 at 9.30 am, the **Annual General Meeting** was held during which elections to the **School Committee for 2020** were carried out. During the meeting, a detailed financial settlement for 2019 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 in obtaining it please contact either me or the School Treasurer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Kasia Lavorato, who was our Secretary for 2019, for her exceptionally diligent and thorough work. Kasia 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 members to the School Committee—Ewelina Cini and Ania Nowicka.

Below is the full composition of the **School Committee for 2020**, 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	Ewelina Cini
♦ Member	Anna Nowicka



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



# CURRENT INFORMATION

## 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/>

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

## Mother's Day

On Saturday, May 10, we will be celebrating Mother's Day in Australia. I would like to take this

opportunity to extend my warm wishes to all our dear mothers and grandmothers. May the love and grateful hearts of your children and grandchildren be the most beautiful gift on this day and every day of your lives!



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.



## "Drawing for the Pope" Competition

This year we would like to choose a Patron for our school. After consulting with the Teachers and the Parent Committee, we decided to choose Saint John Paul II as the school's Patron. On April 2 was the 15th anniversary of the death of our Great Countryman, and in less than a month we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of his birth. In the light of these events, I strongly encourage our school students to participate in the **"Drawing for the Pope"** Competition, which aims to commemorate one of the greatest Poles in history. Entries must be sent by post (or brought) the following address: 30 Maryfields Dr, Blair Athol, NSW 2560 by 27/05/2020. All entries will then be sent by post to the competition organizers. I must admit that I count on you immensely and I look forward to a lot of competition entries!



### Invitation

Dear Teachers and Students

We invite all children from Polish Saturday Schools to take part in the **"Drawing for the Pope"** competition. The drawing should be made with colored pencils on A4 sheet. The aim of this completion is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Pope John Paul II.

Book Publishing Company EJK is preparing a jubilee edition of a souvenir book to mark this special occasion.

We are currently in process of collecting relevant materials on the topic of life and works of Saint John Paul II. We would like to encourage the Polish community from all over Australia to take part in this great undertaking, and I also encourage children to participate in the project of publishing this commemorative book.

All completion entries should be submitted to your class teachers by 31 of May 2020.

More information  
Dr Elzbieta Kolo  
(03) 9700 1161





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## 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.



## Food Allergies

A student currently enrolled at our school has been diagnosed with food allergies. This student is allergic to **eggs, soy and nuts** products. We ask all parents to make sure that these products are excluded from your children's 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.



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Teacher's Aide

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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!

## "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.



## 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) 96055751**

**Adres:**

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**Ingleburn NSW 2565**





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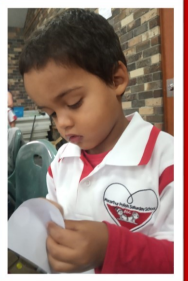
## First Day of 2020 School Year

On Saturday 08/02/2020 we inaugurated another school year at the Macarthur Polish Saturday School. To my great joy and satisfaction, the school is growing beautifully, which is demonstrated by a large number of new students and their families joining our school community. Despite the rain and bad weather, the atmosphere during the event was really joyful and happy. We started the day at 9:30 with a Holy Mass offered for the Macarthur Polish Saturday School community at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church at Eagle Vale. The Mass was presided over by Father Slawek Plonka - a Polish priest who is the parish priest of a local Australian parish. As the years go by, his Australian parishioners get used to our presence at Saturday Masses for the beginning and ending of each school year which is shown by many nice and warm comments shared with members of our school community. Traditionally, we sang songs in Polish and English with huge enthusiasm. I am very grateful to Michal Macioch and Darek Plust for leading the songs during the Mass and for the beautiful performance of "Barka". Our school students took an active part in the Holy Mass by reading mass readings and prayers of the faithful. The pre-schoolers carried gifts to the altar. Together with us, the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney - Dr Monika Konczyk, prayed for God's blessing for the whole school. She honoured us with her presence on this special day. Thanks to the attendance of Mrs. Consul General, our event was very unique and special. We are very grateful to the Consul General that despite the rainy weather and the great distance, she joined us at our ceremony. I am deeply convinced that the moment when Mrs. Consul presented our new students with their new school shirts, will remain in their memory and in the memory of us all for many years. Mrs. Consul General is an extremely warm and approachable person, and her presence has undoubtedly enriched us all. Among the invited guests, we also welcomed Mr. Adam Gajkowski - President of the NSW Federation of Polish Organisations, who tirelessly supports the activities conducted by our school. We were also happy about the presence of the manager of the Polish Song and Dance Ensemble "Kujawy" - Mrs. Jolanta Zurawski. Our school works very closely with "Kujawy" Ensemble promoting Polish culture, language and traditions of our country of origin. During the organisational meeting, important information was provided to parents regarding school safety regulations. The teachers briefly familiarised the parents with the curriculum in individual classes.

During that time, students of our school, under the watchful eye of the Ladies from the Parent Committee, performed artistic works on the subject of "Vacation memories".

After the official part of the event was over, our school's teaching staff met for lunch with Mrs. Consul General and other invited guests. The atmosphere of the meeting was extremely warm and friendly. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts to our Dear Consul General for the precious moments spent with us.

We are deeply convinced that Polish education in Sydney will develop happily with such a leader.



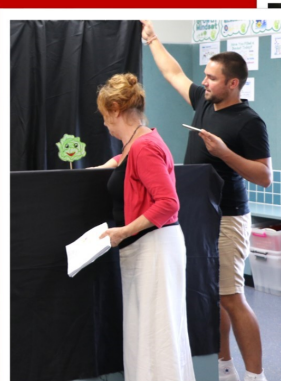


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## Puppet theatre performance

On Saturday, 22/02/2020, students from the oldest class presented to their younger school friends a poem by Jan Brzechwa entitled “**Na straganie**”. The performance of the poem in the puppet theatre version was prepared by the actor – Mr. **Michal Macioch** and his mother **Cecylia Macioch**. Young viewers were delighted with the performance! Congratulations to our great actors and to Michal and his mother for a delightful spectacle they have prepared for us!

Click [HERE](#) to watch a youtube video from this event :)





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## Easter Palms



Students from the Macarthur Polish Saturday School are always working hard. Although the school is closed – the project of making Easter palms at home has been completed. These stunning Easter palms are the most beautiful testimony to how we as a school community are loyal to continuing Polish traditions and customs associated with the celebration of Easter. At the same time, they are an expression of longing for Saturday classes at our Polish Saturday School.

Thank you very much to our beloved students and their parents for the gorgeous photos of the Easter palms that were sent to us last week :)

It is amazing how from a tiny spark a hot flame of Love, Joy, Hope and Belonging exploded...

Thank you, Dear Mrs Celinka, for your uplifting initiative. Because of these photos for the first time in this extremely difficult year, we've actually managed to feel the atmosphere of the upcoming Easter celebrations. The Polish Saturday School in Macarthur wishes everyone a healthy and hope-filled Easter Celebrations :)

Click [HERE](#) to watch beautifully done youtube video that shows Easter Palms made by our school students :)



# SUMMARY OF TERM ONE

## Summary of Term ONE–Preschool

There are always many interesting things happening in our preschool group. And so – during our first lesson we got to know the schools' grounds - classrooms, toilets, playground. There was also a talk about how to behave properly in the classroom and in the school yard. Particular attention was paid to the children's safety rules and playing in designated areas only. During the next classes children familiarised themselves with educational toys such as blocks, puzzles, a wooden house, and cars. They learnt the possible ways of using them during lessons (an attempt to name toys in Polish).

One of the important elements of our Saturday classes was learning traditional game called "Balloon". This game creates a nice and friendly atmosphere building a sense of belonging. During the music lesson, children practiced two songs: "Siala baba mak" using hand-made rattles, and the dance: "Ducklings", which children were supposed to perform during our Easter Assembly.

During Term 1, we also managed to introduce topics such as "Geometric Figures" (circle, square and rectangle), and in the art class children created out of coloured paper - cars, rockets, flowers, etc.

The next topic was: "My Family". The purpose of this activity was to make children aware of how important family is in everyone's life, and during art class we have made a playdough, from which the children made the characters of parents and siblings.

The last topic we were able to complete was "Healthy eating". Mrs Ewelinka familiarised children with the concept of "healthy eating". Together, we listed products that we should eat to stay healthy and those that we should eliminate from our menu.

*Elżbieta Purchała / Ewelina Cini*



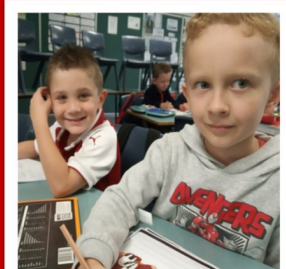
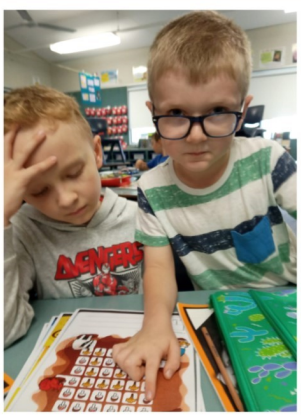


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## Summary of Term ONE–Class „0” & 1

Term one ended quickly and unexpectedly for us all, however, we were able to learn many interesting things together. We started by familiarizing children with the principles of safe play rules during class time and during break. A conversation was conducted about - why do we come to the Polish school and what is the purpose of our classes. We visited the school playground and other classrooms familiarizing children with their classmates from other grades. Everyone introduced themselves with particular emphasis on the new students, trying to make them feel welcome and safe. During the following Saturdays, the letters 'O', 'A', 'L', 'M' and 'I' were introduced to students. During each class, we learned new words in Polish and built sentences based on the words we learned. For example - when introducing the letter "M" we played the game "In the shop" and bought for our Mums things like: butter, flour, pasta, milk, mayonnaise, meat and soap. The introduction of new words is always combined with learning how to divide these words into syllables and sounds. The ability to pick up sounds is essential for learning how to read and write at a later stage in the language development of each of the children. Dear parents - thank you for your commitment and support in term 1. I look forward to meeting my dear students in term 2 with longing and excitement.

*Bernadeta Kawa / Urszula Kościńska*





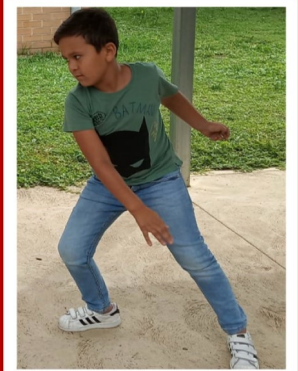
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## Summary of Term ONE–Class 2 & 3

In this year's 2/3 grade there is a total of 9 students. In the first two weeks of school, we repeated the whole alphabet from the previous year, which then we read and wrote. The children remembered the alphabet very well. Congratulations!

During the next few weeks, we continued to learn new difficult letters including “h”, “ch”, “ż”, “rz”. In the last week before the school closed, we introduced the Polish currency - zloty. We used the money to play a game „In the supermarket”. It was fun and interesting to explore the work of a salesperson. The children were very good at counting and using the money to pay for the goods they wanted to purchase. During term 1 we have learnt many interesting things. I am looking forward to seeing you all in term 2.

*Małgorzata Jagodzińska*





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## Summary of Term ONE–Class 4, 5 & 6

- In Term 1 grades 4, 5 & 6 focused on “good behaviour” and magical words such as: “good morning”, “excuse me”, “thank you”, “How are you?” We practised them in our role plays and we have learned an action song "Proszę, przepraszam, dziękuję". You can watch us [HERE](#).
- Saturday 22 of February, was spend recording children perform the poem "Na straganie". Students used self-made puppets for the show. The audience awarded our performers with a loud applause. Everyone loved it. We would like to thank Celinka and Michal for taking their time and sharing their experience with our children. The video and photos can be found on the Polska Szkoła WhatsApp - 24th February and by clicking [HERE](#).
- Our regular activity is "Pisanie ze sluchu" - dictation. This activity helps writing in Polish using correct grammar and punctuation formulas.
- In geography, we've been learning about Polish cities and their location on a map. We also practiced using words describing directions such as: “left”, “right”, “forward”, “backwards” etc. These words are used to explain the location of an object or how to get from one place to another.
- We've started the unit "How to stay healthy" but we were unable to complete it due to Coronavirus. We hope that we'll be able to finish off our posters when we get back to school.
- On our last Saturday, we've watched a movie "Jak rozpetalem II Wojne Swiatowa". It was a lot of laughter as well as some great conversations about World War II.

We worked very hard in Term 1.

*Grażyna Pakulska*





## 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](mailto:macarthurpolsatschool@outlook.com)

### Sunday Mass Times in Polish:

- **10:15—Holy Trinity Catholic Church;**  
**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.

For more information:

0425275541 (Druhna Danusia)

0433051481 (Druh Janusz)

Website: <http://www.zhp.org.au/>

## Polish Folclore Ensembles Sydney

### Polish Song and Dance Ensemble *Kujawy*



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### Polish Song and Dance Ensemble *Podhale*



#### INVITES

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Ania: 0422 409 908

### Polish Song and Dance Ensemble *Lajkonik*



#### INVITES

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### Polish Song and Dance Ensemble *Syrenka*



#### INVITES

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