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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

I warmly welcome you all at the beginning of Term 3 of this school year. I sincerely hope that despite the huge emotional roller-coaster that we are all experiencing due to the ever-changing situation regarding COVID-19, you have managed to relax, catch your breath and regenerate both your physical and mental strength. It is not easy to find yourselves in this extremely difficult and unique situation that has affected people living on all continents of the globe. However, I strongly believe that humanity will overcome this crisis as they did many times before. So, with joy and hope in our hearts, we look forward to another school term that will commence this coming Saturday, July 25. We need to be positive and believe that there will be no situation where we will be forced to close our school once again. I will keep you updated at all times via SMS in case of any changes.

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 3

- 25/07 First Saturday of Term 3
- 15/08 100 Anniversary of Battle of Warsaw (Vistula mirracle)
- 01/09 81. Anniversary of the outbreak of World War II
- 06/09 Father's Day
- 19/09 Last Saturday of Term 3

On behalf of myself and the Parent Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the COVID-safe measures we have in place, and thank you for continuing to do all you can to keep yourself and our school community safe.

Summary of COVID-safe measures in Term 3:

- Thorough sanitisation of classrooms before and after class;
- All students and staff continue to be required to practise personal hygiene including regular and thorough washing of hands with soap or hand sanitiser (with appropriate support provided to students to ensure they are practising good personal hygiene);
- All adults—including teachers and other school staff—will continue adhering to social distancing requirements in line with government health advice;
- Please do not bring to school children with visible cold or flu symptoms. In the event that any signs of illness are
 noticeable in a particular student, the classroom teacher will contact the parent/guardian so the child can
 immediately be picked up from school.

It is extremely important that each of us, to the best of our ability, does everything possible to ensure the safety of ourselves and others, following the recommendations set out by the NSW Public Health Unit.

Thank you again for your help, support and cooperation. Remember, you can stay up to date with the latest information about our systemic response on the https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19

We look forward to welcoming your child back this Saturday.

Bernadeta Kawa

CURRENT INFORMATION

100th Anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw (Miracle on the Vistula) - Polish victory for the freedom of Europe

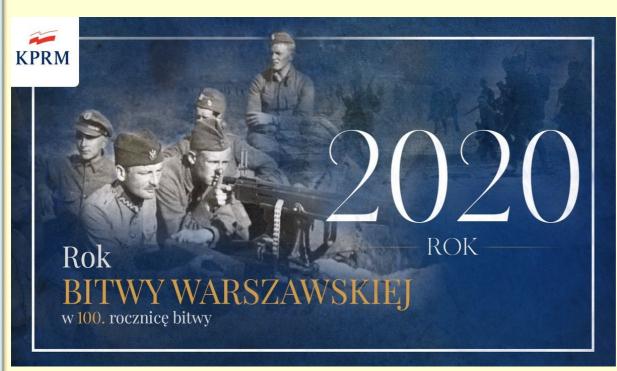
This year marks the 100th anniversary of the **Battle of Warsaw**, referred to as the 18th decisive battle in the history of the world. It was a special moment for the Poland, reborn after years of captivity. In the hour of the trial, the entire nation fought to defend the hard-won freedom. The victory, known as the **Miracle on the Vistula**, became a glue for the next generations of Poles.



The Battle of Warsaw (August 13-25, 1920)

was a great victory for the Polish Army, which, fighting heavy fights, stopped and finally forced the Red Army's units to quickly retreat. The victory allowed for the signing of a favorable ceasefire for the Polish side, and then the formal end of the war in the form of the Treaty of Riga of March 18, 1921. This war was the largest armed conflict fought by the then Polish Army to maintain the recently regained independence and define the borders after over a century of captivity.

We the community of the **Macarthur Polish Saturday School** want to commemorate the military success of our heroic ancestors. Unfortunately, due to the current situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic, we will not be able to invite you, dear Parents and Guardians. On Saturday, August 15, teachers in each class will conduct classes to commemorate this victorious battle, extremely important in the history of Poland and Europe. We will share with you photos from this event. Let us be united on this special day by the pride of the heroism of our ancestors who fought for the freedom of Poland with the sacrifice of their lives. Let's talk about this event together at home with our children, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw.



On Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of **Our Lady of Czestochowa** in
Marayong, there will be a solemn Holy Mass for Poland, followed by a concert commemorating the Polish victory for the freedom of Europe. The organizer of this event is the **Federation of Polish Organizations in NSW.**

CURRENT INFORMATION

Father's & Grandfather's Day

On Sunday, September 6, we will celebrate Father's and Grandfather's Day in Australia. As of today, due



to the constantly changing situation regarding COVID-19, we are not able to provide you with accurate information whether the assembly in our school will take place or not. We wish to extend our warm wishes to all of our beloved Dads and Granddads. Let the love, support and grateful hearts of your children and grandchildren be the most beautiful gift for you on this day and every day of the year!

Below is the full composition of the School Committee for 2020, the body that oversees the activities of our school:



- **President**
- Vice-President
- **Public Officer**
- **School Coordinator**
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Member

Dominika Herdzik Agnieszka Godden Helen Kokoszka Bernadeta Kawa Hanna Beshai **Ewelina Cini Anna Nowicka**

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.



John Paul II as a creator and inspiration for creators—Competition

The NSW Polish Teachers Association invites children and young people to participate in the competition "John Paul II as a creator and inspiration for creators". As I mentioned in the previous edition of our school newsletter, 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 it was the 15th anniversary of the death of our Great Countryman, and in May we celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth. In light of these events, I strongly encourage our school students to participate in this competition, which aims to commemorate one of the greatest Poles in history. I must admit that we are counting on you enormously and we are awaiting many entries!

The Polish Teachers Association in NSW 182 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield



Zrzeszenie Nauczycieli Polskich w NPW

Zaprasza młodzież i dzieci polskiego pochodzenia do wzięcia udziału w Konkursie:

JAN PAWEŁ II JAKO TWÓRCA ORAZ INSPIRACJA DLA TWÓRCÓW

W Konkursie przewidziane są dwie sekcje:

- <u>Artystyczno literacka (prace indywidualne):</u> Esej na podstawie wybranych utworów Karola Wojtyły / Jana Pawła II Szczegółowa recenzja filmu / książki o Janie Pawle II
- Porównanie dwu różnych utworów o Janie Pawle II
- Napisanie własnego utworu (opowiadania, wiersza) o Janie Pawle II
- Wykonanie pracy artystycznej: ilustracji / reklamy/ projektu okładki itp. do któregoś z utworów Karola Wojtyły / Jana Pawła II
- Audio wizualna (prace indywidualne lub grupowe):
- Recytacja utworu autorstwa Karola Wojtyły / Jana Pawła II
- Recytacja utworu o Janie Pawle II
- Wykonanie piosenki, lub utworu muzycznego poświęconego Janowi Pawłowi II
- Wykonanie fragmentu jednej ze sztuk teatralnych Karola Wojtyły
- Opracowanie i wykonanie własnego utworu: wiersza, piosenki, przedstawienia poświęconego Janowi

Prace artystyczno – literackie należy nadsyłać drogą pocztową na adres: Marianna Łacek 16 Elizabeth St. Ashfield NSW 2131

Prace audio – wizualne elektronicznie na adres: bmagolan@hotmail.com

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Termin nadsyłania prac upływa 15 września 2020 roku.

Uroczyste zakończenie Konkursu planowane jest na początku października. Dokładna data oraz miejsce podane zostana przed zakończeniem Konkursu.

Wszelkie zapytania należy kierować do organizatorów Konkursu: Marianna Łacek: mlacek@optusnet.com.au Gosia Vella: gosiavella@optusnet.com.au

Na zwycięzców i na uczestników Konkursu czekają dyplomy oraz cenne nagrody sponsorowane przez

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.



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 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.

"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 and second term. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's teacher.

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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!

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Address: 30/32 Oxford Rd, Ingleburn NSW 2565



A very special gift from Poland

I am very delighted to share with you the exciting news, which - I trust - will raise and strengthen the hearts and minds of many of you during these difficult and crazy times... Around mid-March - a week before the sudden closing of the school due to coronavirus, I received a package from Poland sent to me by my very good friend who is an English language teacher at the Primary School in Radlow (Poland). The city of Radlow is located in the region of Poland called Malopolska - about 10 km from the town where I come from. In January this year when with a great anxiety the whole world was witnessing the tragedy of bushfires, which since November was continuously devastating our continent, my friend - Mrs. Beata Maciaszek contacted me and offered to prepare a gift for our school community. She got one of the grades that she was teaching involved in the preparation of this gift. The goal which Mrs. Beata had set for herself was to "lift our hearts and spirits" during this extremely difficult time. Mrs. Beata also asked me if our school community would be interested in long-term cooperation with Radlow Primary School, which would give us the opportunity to exchange experiences regarding issues related to pollution and protecting the world's natural environment. In mid-March, when the package from Poland reached us, the whole world was more and more plunged into the tragedy associated with the coronavirus pandemic, which was starting to affect every human-inhabited continent. Recently, I was able to find more time to sit back, take a good look and read carefully the materials received from Radlow Primary School. I have to admit that I was deeply moved and touched while reading the wishes from both children and teachers. Mrs. Beata and her students have put a lot of work and heart into preparing this beautiful package for us...

Included in this gift were hand-drawn cards with Koala bear and more. There were also greeting cards for each of our teachers, which, unfortunately, I have not yet managed to pass on, because coronavirus succeeded in turning our lives upside down, everything went so quickly and the school was suddenly closed...

Among the materials sent to us you could also find a beautiful poem dedicated to us - written with the intention of lifting our spirits – please read it for yourself - I guarantee lots of positive feelings, warm thoughts, and maybe some tears of emotion...

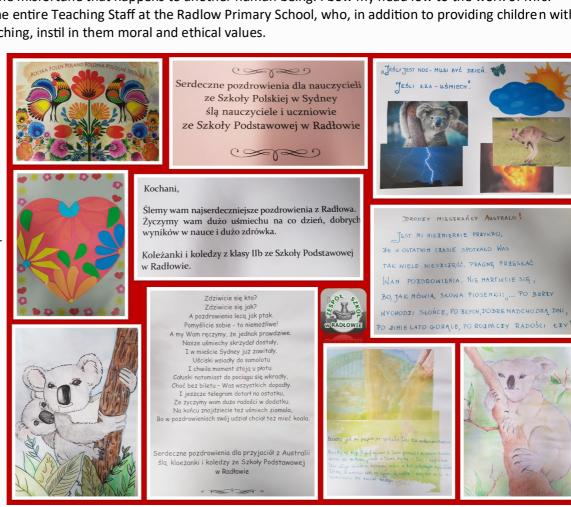
The thought that came to my mind after reading all the submitted materials are primarily related to the fact that TRUE GOODNESS is still very much present in this world that we live in and you don't really need to look far to find it. The proof is children's hearts full of compassion and empathy for the misfortune that happens to another human being. I bow my head low to the work of Mrs. Beata, the School Principal and the entire Teaching Staff at the Radlow Primary School, who, in addition to providing children with knowledge related to subject teaching, instil in them moral and ethical values.

We sincerely and wholeheartedly congratulate you all!

We wish you perseverance, patience and, above all, a lot of good health and hope in these difficult times. Finally, please extend our congratulations and warm words of gratitude to all those children who were directly involved in preparing the package for us. Dearest Children you are truly amazing! THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts! We wish you nothing but success in the future! I must admit that after seeing what you have sent us, it looks like you are on your way to succeed in life! We promise that you will hear from us again J

Kindest Regards,

Students, Parents and Teachers from the Macarthur Polish Saturday School



A birthday present for Saint John Paul II

Last Monday, May 18, 2020, we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of our Great Countryman - Saint John Paul II. On that day in Poland, many occasional concerts and festivities were held to celebrate the memory of this extraordinary person. We too, the community of the Macarthur Polish Saturday School, expressed our gratitude for the gift of Karol Wojtyla's life by making beautiful frames for the portrait of the Great Saint. I would like to thank Mrs. Cecylia Macioch for yet another beautiful initiative.

I myself belong to the JP II generation. Let me share with you some warm memories about this amazing person. I was 7 years old when Karol



Wojtyla was called up to the Vatican to be the Sheppard of Jesus's Church on earth. Despite the fact that I was a small child at the time, I distinctly remember the Television report from this event. In those days televisions were mostly black and white with only two programs available in Poland. However to a people burdened by communism, the election of the first Slavic Pope seemed beyond human limitations, expectations and imaginations. What I remembered most from that time was the reactions of adults including my late grandmother, my mum, aunts, uncles and the whole family ... Although I didn't understand much of it then, I remember their tears of emotion, I remember the sight of their faces staring at the TV screen and the proud words with which they commented on this extraordinary event. I instinctively knew that before my eyes very important things were happening, things that history would remember. This particular day, a unique October evening in front of a black and white TV surrounded by my family, is forever engraved not only in my memory, but also in my heart. For me, beginning with my childhood, through the years of my youth, and then adult life as a mother and wife, he was always there. The pontificate of John Paul II lasted 27 years and was one of the longest pontificates in the history of the Church. When John Paul II was leaving us for the Father's House, I was 34 years old and I was already a mother of four children. In some sense with his death, a certain stage in my life ended. It was very difficult to accept the idea that he was no longer with us in the earthly realm, and despite the dictates of logic, it felt as though he would ALWAYS be with us... that death wouldn't be able to take him away from us. During his pontificate of 27 years the political situation in Poland and the whole of Eastern Europe changed before my eyes. It is impossible today to overestimate the role of John Paul II in events that I witnessed myself. The "Pilgrim Pope" changed the face of our world with his life, and for that we should all be grateful — Thank you; Dear God, that I was able to live and learn from this extraordinary man. His teachings, humour and, above all, love for God and other people will remain with us forever. He never really left - He is still with us...

We are the Generation of John Paul II and "we must demand from ourselves even if others do not demand from us."

Saint John Paul II - Pray for us!

2020 Mother's Day like no other

I suppose none of us remembers such a celebration of one of the most beautiful and warmest celebrations of the year. **Mother's Day in 2020** will certainly be a day to remember for all of us in a unique way. I don't think there would be a person among us who remembers time when you couldn't go to visit you mother on that special day, kiss them and express our gratitude for all their hard work. COVID -19 has isolated us from our loved ones and turned our lives upside down. Many of us feel the consequences of being forced to stay at home and find it difficult to accept the procedures that are imposed on us. But there are many other ways to express our love for those we love. I encourage you to make frequent phone calls to your parents, who (especially when they are elderly) often feel lonely and isolated from society.

Below I am sending you a collage of photos from Mother's Day 2020. You can see the smiling faces of our dear school mums and their children. May the joy emanating from these photos reward all the sorrows that fell on us with the coronavirus outbreak. Stay positive, I am sure that we will celebrate Mother's Day in 2021 with a great hurray and joy, which I wish for myself and all of you:)



Preschool

After a long break, we had to get used to each other all over again, ie remembering the names of teachers and classmates in the group, as well as the rules of behaviour in the classroom and in the school yard. During the first class, we repeated the material processed during the first term:

- Graphomotor exercises (drawing with a pencil along a trace)
- Developing the ability to pick up and understand children's literature (reading stories or poems out loud to children).

The next topics discussed were:

- Different professions.
- Four Seasons with particular emphasis on WINTER.
- Pets.

The main goal of the topic **PETS** was to familiarise children with the ways of expressing respect to our domestic pets, such as: cats, dogs or fish in the aquarium, and how to properly care for them. During the lessons, preschoolers played the roles of various pets and imitated their sounds. During art time, we made our favourite animal together.

The main aim of the topic related to different **PROFESSIONS** was to broaden the children's knowledge of what adults do in their daily work. My observations show that young children (3-5 years old) are keenly interested in what their parents, older cousins or grandparents do for work. Children enthusiastically describe what work their mum or dad is doing and they imitate that profession while playing with their peers.

Another topic discussed was introduction of the characteristic features for each of the four seasons based on the analysis of the illustration "FOUR SEASONS". The aim of this lesson was to make the children aware of how many seasons we have and how we can correctly distinguish and recognise each of them (weather conditions, processes occurring in nature, wearing appropriate clothes).

Elżbieta Purchała / Ewelina Cini









Class "0" & 1

After a long break caused by the coronavirus pandemic, we enthusiastically returned to school for the last four Saturdays of the second term. I could see the joy painted on the faces of our students when they could finally meet their classmates whom they had not seen for so long.

In class I, the children learned five magic letters, which included: E, Ó, U, P, Y. I think that the biggest problem for boys and girls was the letters "Ó" and "U". It is not easy to understand why a letter that can be written in two different ways is pronounced exactly the same way. For our pupils, this is just the beginning of the adventure with this magical and sometimes problematic letter. During the lesson, we have discussed the ways how honey is made. There were questions like: Where do the bees live? Do bees have their queen? What do bees do in winter? Is honey sweet, sour or bitter? Should we care for the bees and why?

During the introduction of the letter "P" thanks to our imagination, we could see "falling snow", while we sang a joyful song "Winter, winter, winter." We also talked about penguins, which are birds that love to play in the snow. We squeezed together under a large umbrella to shelter from heavy snow. There were also action games pretending we were a train to the rhythm of the well-known song "Jedzie pociag z daleka".

These were really busy and extremely interesting four Saturdays at our Polish school. We are looking forward to seeing students of classes "0" and I in the next term of the 2020 school year.

Bernadeta Kawa / Urszula Kościańska



















Class 2 & 3

In term two, the students of grades 2 and 3 learned more difficult letters from the Polish alphabet. First it was the double sign "sz" and then "cz". Children enthusiastically tried to pronounce words that are sometimes difficult to say phonetically, such as: czapka, szalik, szumi, czas, poszli, czekali and the like. On the second last Saturday of Term 2, we started our adventure with softening some of the sounds in Polish language. The first softening that we have been learning about was "ś" and "si". We paid a lot of attention to reading exercises, as well as building simple and more complex sentences with the new words, in which you could find a newly learned sounds. The students also matched the pictures with the written words they had learned in class. It was great fun! The children were very good at understanding the new concept of softening the letter "s" with either a dash or an "i". At the same time, they were able to distinguish in which words they belonged. Learning the song "Siała baba mak" was a great help in learning how to pronounce these difficult sounds correctly. We had a lot of fun singing this famous Polish song.

See you in next term :)

Małgorzata Jagodzińska



Class 4, 5 & 6

In the second term of the current school year, students from the oldest class:

- Completed their "How to stay healthy" posters. The girls and boys were brainstorming everything that helps develop our physical and mental health, and then worked in groups on posters promoting a healthy lifestyle. Dear children your work was really great! We strongly believe that this lesson was not only a great opportunity to enrich your Polish vocabulary, but also broadened your knowledge of how each of us should care for our own health and the health of others
- Presented to students from younger grades a staging of a poem by Stanislaw Jachowicz "Chory kotek". The props for the poem were made by the children during class time.
- They worked on expanding vocabulary around the topic of "Winter" in Poland and Australia.
 Together with the teacher, the students even "made" their own snowmen.
- They focused and practiced the singular and plural forms of nouns.
- Each of the Saturday class ended with singing the canon "Panie Janie".

I am looking forward to seeing you all in term 3 © Grażyna Pakulska













Joyful lunch breakes

I think it would be extremely hard to find someone who doesn't like lunch breaksat school. In any case, I have never met anyone like that. Breaks are a time of joy, socializing and relaxation for both children and us teachers. Below you will find a collage of photos that I managed to take during a few breaks last term. I must admit that watching the students of our school play happily with each other gives me and other teachers a lot of joy and satisfaction. We see friendships being made. Also the smile and enthusiasm of these children are simply contagious and spread to all of us - while motivating us and giving us strength. I strongly believe that the memories of those breaks spent at play in our Saturday school will remain in the memory of our pupils for many years to come, and the friendships that were made here will survive the passage of time and our kids will take them with them into their adults lives.



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

Sunday Mass Times in Polish:

- 10:15—Holy Trinity Catholic Church;
 57 Guernsay Ave, Minto NSW 2566
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- 11:30—Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 13 Park Rd. Cabramatta NSW 2166



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