



NEWSLETTER



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Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

As you may be aware, in the final week of Term 3, NSW Health released updated COVID-19 guidelines for schools. The updated guidelines take effect in Term 4, and they include a number of significant changes that will make it easier for students to engage in more of the activities that were previously impacted by coronavirus restrictions.

This information is intended to provide you with a summary of the major changes. Below are the major changes to our COVID-19 protocols for Term 4:

- Community Languages Schools Program will recommence face to face learning. Students may now travel outside of their Local Government Area, as long as there is a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place at the destination venue.

Additionally, as long as strict COVID-safe measures are followed the following activities are now permitted:

- Excursions, offsite activities and camps (including overnight camps).
- Contact sports.
- Use of woodwind instruments, as well as solo and small group singing.
- Incursions by external providers essential to—or that support—the delivery of the curriculum (this includes health and vaccinations programs as well as curriculum support providers such as music tutors and sport skills development programs).

As we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19, the wellbeing of our students, staff and the whole Macarthur Polish Saturday School community always comes first. We are committed to keeping the members of our community—especially the most vulnerable—safe.

You can help ensure the safety of the School community by:

- Keeping your children home when they are unwell, even with very mild symptoms.
- Informing the school immediately if your child is self-isolating or undergoing testing, informing us of the result as soon as possible.
- Following sickness with flu-like symptoms, ensuring your child is free of symptoms AND can present a negative COVID-19 test, which must be sighted by the School, before they return to class.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We will continue to keep you informed of changes to our COVID-safe practices and provide you with timely updates about activities and events relevant to you and your child.

For the latest updates on COVID-19 please visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19>

Sincerely,

Bernadeta Kawa

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4

- ♦ **17/10 First Saturday of Term 4**
- ♦ **24/10 Science Incursion**
- ♦ **11/11 102. Anniversary of Poland gaining back her Independence**
- ♦ **12/12 Last Saturday of term 4—end of 2020 school year.**

Science Incursion

"Project co-financed within the framework of Polonia funds of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland"



Konsulat Generalny
Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
w Sydney

At the beginning of this year, we received a \$900 grant from the Polish Consulate in Sydney to be spent on activities relating to the **International Kids Day Celebrations**. The original date for this planned activity was scheduled for 30/05/2020 which had to be postponed to the later date.

Schedule of the day:

- **Kitchen Chemistry _ 1 hr _ (Pre-schoolers, Kinder, Year 1)**
- **Forensic Detective _ 90 min. _ (Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)**

On the day, outdoor games and activities for children will also be held. All above activities will be conducted according to the current sanitary requirements regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher directly If you have any questions or concerns.



A hat, water bottle & sunscreen

I continue to ask all parents and care-givers to make sure that their child has a **hat** on

each Satur-

day, together with a **bottle of water** and a **sun protection cream**.



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.



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.



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

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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, 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:

Phone: (02)
9605-5751

Address:
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Ingleburn NSW
2565



SUMMARY OF TERM THREE

„Drawing for the Pope” Competition

In this extraordinary and certainly difficult year, marked by the coronavirus pandemic that overshadows the lives of millions of people around the world, we also celebrated great anniversaries related to the life and sanctity of one of the most outstanding Poles in the history of our nation. In May this year, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth, and a month earlier we remembered the moments of his departure from this



world to the Father's House, which happened 15 years ago. In connection with these beautiful anniversaries, Dr. Elzbieta Kolo from Melbourne undertook the great project of working on the jubilee edition of the book: **"Gift to the Holy Father - Polish community in Australia"**. The main idea of this work was to collect in one edition both prose and poetry as well as art work dedicated to the memory of this Great Man and Outstanding Pole. A few months before the planned edition of the book, Dr. Elzbieta Kolo made an appeal to children and youth of the Polish community to send in competition entries. The "Drawing for the Pope" competition met with a positive response among children who are the students of the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur. Thirteen competition entries were submitted and sent to the competition organizers. To our great joy, 9 of them have been published in this beautifully published jubilee book. All published works are signed with the name and surname of the child who created the artwork. Let me thank Dr. Elzbieta Kolo for her enormous dedication, passion and enthusiasm with which she undertook the work of publishing this book. I would also like to thank our wonderful students and their parents who contributed to the creation of this work. Our school has purchased 8 copies of this book, which will be presented as a gift to each of the families involved in the **"Drawing for the Pope"** competition. Thanks to the courtesy of the competition organizers, the children will also receive gifts funded by the EJK Book Publishing House. There will also be prizes, which were purchased for each child taking part in the competition by the Parent Committee at the Polish Saturday School in Macarthur. Please see for yourselves how wonderful their work is! Dear students - I warmly and wholeheartedly congratulate you on this beautiful work, in the creation of which you have your part. Let this beautifully published book, and through it the protection of Saint John Paul II, lead you along the paths of your life :)



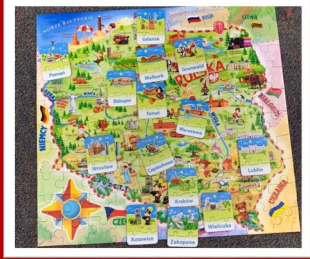
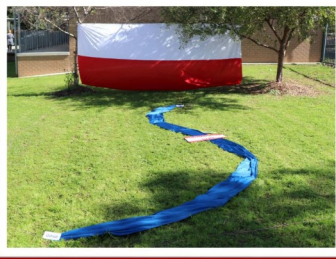
KANCELARIA PREZESA
RADY MINISTRÓW

Projekt realizowany przez Fundację Wolność i Demokracja,
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w ramach zadania publicznego dotyczącego pomocy
Polonii i Polakom za granicą.



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100 Anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw



On Saturday, August 15, 2020, we celebrated 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 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".*** (Text Source)

We too, the community of the Macarthur Polish Saturday School, paid tribute to our heroic ancestors through a short program commemorating this great anniversary. Unfortunately, due to the current situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic, we were unable to invite our dear parents, grandparents and guardians to our performance. On Saturday, August 15 - teachers from each class conducted lessons whose main goal was to develop patriotic feelings in our students by learning about this extremely important victorious battle, for Poland and the whole of Europe. The lesson content was adjusted to the age and knowledge skills of children. At 12:00 we all met in our school yard. While standing on the grass, students and teachers formed the shape of Poland, and the Vistula River "flowed" through its centre. The background for our performance was a large white and red Polish flag. It was in this setting that we sang the song "Plynie, Wisla plynie", known to us all since very early age. We are very happy to share with you photos from this event. Let us be united by the pride of the heroism of our ancestors who fought for the freedom of Poland with the sacrifice of their lives. With all my heart I would like to thank our wonderful students for their beautiful performance. I strongly believe that Poland will never be lost again not only because our majestic Vistula River flows as it always has, but also because we have such wonderful students and their outstanding parents and grandparents. It is you, who bring your children to Polish schools every Saturday, to ensure that our Polish language, culture and tradition of the country of our ancestors last here on a continent thousands of kilometres away from our homeland. I would also like to thank our beloved teachers together with Celinka, Michal, Darek and Kris for their ongoing help and support.

WE WILL REMEMBER YOU!

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Preschool

To us teachers – our students are the most important. We want them to be cheerful, happy and to willingly take part in lessons, games and in the broadly understood life of our Polish school. In this very special and unique year, boys outnumber the girls. Almost every Saturday they bring their favourite cars, planes and motorbikes for the “show and tell” activity. And this is what inspired the first topic in Term 3: **different means of transport** – by land (cars, bicycles, trains, scooters), - air (helicopter, rockets, planes) - and sea (ships, boats). During the lesson, children were presented with illustrations of the different means of transport – they attempted to correctly pronounce the names of individual means of transport, dividing them into the three above-mentioned groups. There was also a talk about safe cycling or scooter riding and how we should be crossing the road safely.

Art classes - we made traffic lights together that the students could take home with them.

Learning new songs: "The train is coming from afar" and "The wheels of the bus go round and round".

The second topic covered was **"Body Parts"**. Learning and correct pronunciation of different body parts such as: head, stomach, arms, legs, etc. which was based on viewing educational posters presenting parts of the human body. The teacher points and asks: "What is this?" The students build and develop comprehension competences by listening and answering the questions.

Art classes - children used play-dough to make a whole person and then drew a human head.

Another topic was around the theme **"We like books"**, the main aim of which was to make children aware of the importance of books in the life of every human being and the benefits of reading books on various topics.

Based on the question **"What's a fairy tale?"** we conducted vocabulary building conversations with the children.

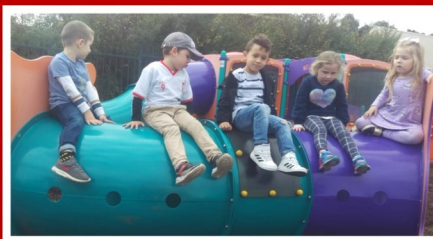
Illustrations in books and fairy tales were the starting point for the conversation.

The "Dress Up" game was an undoubted hit of Term 3. I would like to thank all the parents for their cooperation - all preschoolers brought their costumes. During play, children learned how to dress independently (buttons, zippers, velcro) and developed their imaginations by dressing up as different fairy-tale characters.

On the occasion of the **100th Anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw**, we organised a mini exhibition of items related to Poland in the classroom: the emblem, the flag, and folk crafts.

Learning the poem "Who are you? - Little Pole".

Elżbieta Purchała / Ewelina Cini



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Kinder & Year 1

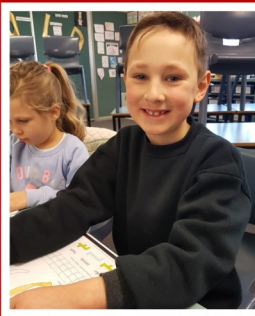
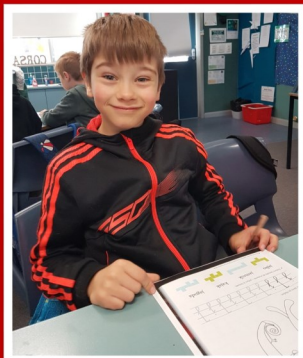
In Term 3, we managed to conduct 6 out of 9 classes at school face to face, which we were very happy about. Our adventure learning Polish sounds and letters continues, despite the many unpleasant surprises that the coronavirus has brought on us. The new letters we learned include: **P, N, S, R and J**. Each Saturday is a fantastic, new adventure. For example, during the lesson where I introduced the letter S to the children, we packed a suitcase with clothes for a trip to Poland. The suitcase contained: pants, shorts, sweater, socks, skirt and a dress. Of course, our imaginary journey took place by plane. Each of the children then had to pack their own suitcase, naming all the clothes they put into it. The newly learned words were then divided into syllables and sounds, and after that we built sentences based on the above-mentioned words.

While learning letter R, we went on an imaginary family bike trip. We took the bike apart and named each of its parts. We learned that a bicycle must have: wheels, tires, pedals, a chain, a sit and many other elements for us to be able to ride on it. Lying on our backs, at a safe distance from each other, we turned our legs in the air, pretending that we were riding a bicycle.

The introduction of the letter J was based on the word "egg". We discussed the differences between a boiled egg and a raw egg. We found out what a raw egg looks inside. We talked about the many different ways of making egg dishes and menus where eggs are essential.

One of the patriotic topics planned for this year, were the events related to the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw. In a manner adequate to the cognitive abilities of the students, I told them briefly about the events related to this great anniversary. On that day, children coloured Polish national symbols, such as the White Eagle or the flag. We also played with puzzles that showed the map of Poland. We had a lot of fun doing it. Together with students from other grades, we also learned patriotic songs: "Plynie Wisla, Plynie" and "Jestesmy Polka i Polakiem".

Bernadeta Kawa / Urszula Kościńska



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Year 2 & 3

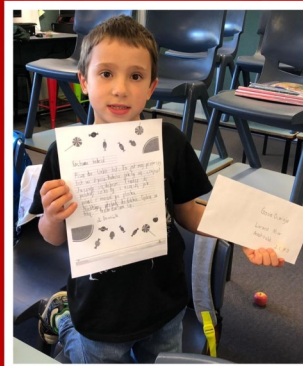
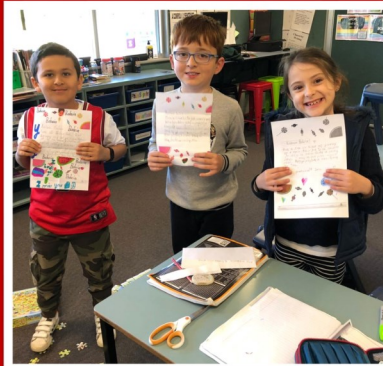
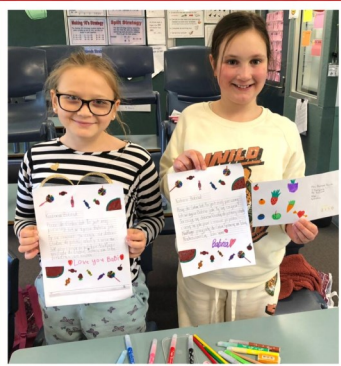
In term 3, we learned new and rather difficult letters and sounds in the Polish alphabet which are: **ć, ci, ń, ni, ź, zi**. The following lesson topics were covered:

- New sounds and letters - exercises in writing, creating and building words and writing them down;
- Reading aloud using correct punctuation;
- Simple conversation in Polish describing grandma. Writing and addressing a letter to grandma;
- "Miracle on the Vistula" - that is, the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw. Conversation with children about this important event in Polish history;
- Learning the song "The Vistula is flowing, flowing";
- Simple conversation in Polish about the role of father and grandfather in the family;
- Singing new and well known songs.

At the end of Term 3, a student from our class - Emilka Schlage came back from a trip around the world. Her coming back was received with great joy by all her classmates. Warm welcome Emilka! We are extremely glad that you are with us again.

See you in term 4 :)

Małgorzata Jagodzińska

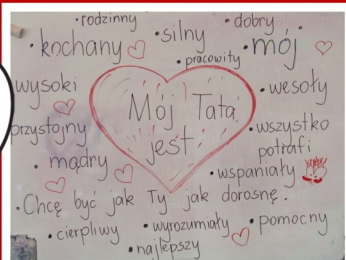
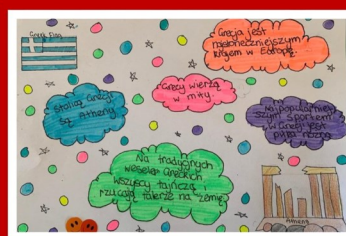


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Year 4, 5 & 6

- ⇒ The subjects studied in the combined 4th, 5th and 6th grade included the following topics:
- The largest rivers of Poland:
 - Finding rivers on the map and cities located by these rivers,
 - The poem "Rzeczka",
 - From the mountains to the sea – the long run of the Vistula River,
 - Learning new vocabulary around the topic of "Rivers" (source, bend, river bank, waterfall, etc ...),
 - Water transport.
- ⇒ Favourite food / food names. What do we eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert.
- ⇒ Days of the week.
- ⇒ The 100th anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw.
- ⇒ Europe – its history and legends about (her rise)
- ⇒ European Union.
- ⇒ Countries neighbouring with Poland (students prepared interesting facts about a selected European country and presented them to the class in the form of posters, slides and homework in their books).
- ⇒ Grammar: verbs, conjugation of verbs by persons. Numbers 1-1000000
- ⇒ Last Saturday of Term 3 was dedicated to our dads. We read the poem "My Dad", we collected words describing our fathers, children were asked to write how they like to spend time with their dad. We have created Father's Day cards using our own imagination. Everything has been captured on the WhatsApp application for everyone to see.
- ⇒ We concluded our last day at school with singing songs for our dads.

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

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

Polish Folclore Ensembles in Sydney

Polish Song & Dance Ensemble *Kujawy*



INVITES

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Polish Song & Dance Ensemble *Podhale*



INVITES

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Polish Song & Dance Ensemble *Lajkonik*



INVITES

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