



NEWSLETTER



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Macarthur Polish Saturday School



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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

On September first, school aged children in Poland returned to school after the summer holidays. From the bottom of our hearts, we wish them that during this current school year they could study without any stressful and unpleasant distractions. For us, term 3 turned out to be a real challenge. I am consistently impressed with you, Dear Parents and Grandparents. Over the past few months, you have had to take on the additional and quite difficult task of being full-time teachers for your children and grandchildren. Teachers - both in government schools and in our Polish school, relied mostly on your amazing help. I acknowledge the enormous amount of work that fell on your shoulders so unexpectedly - practically overnight. Looking at and selecting the photos and short videos illustrating your children's work sent to me and to other teachers, made me realise how much effort and commitment you put into completing all the given tasks sent to your children. For the purpose of creating this video clip, I could only select some examples of the works sent to us. It was quite difficult to decide which works should be included in it and which ones should not - you put so much heart and effort into completing them... On behalf of myself and all teachers, with this video, I would like to express my respect and gratitude for your support and amazing help throughout the duration of term three. We may be far from each other, but we are still close - we are the Polish family. I dedicate this short video to you - Dear Parents and Grandparents, with a strong belief that watching it will fill your hearts with hope for a near end of lockdown and a safe return to schools and normal lives. I am deeply convinced that your children's smiling faces will be the best medicine for these difficult times. After all, we can already see the light in the tunnel and, as you probably know, in the next two

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4

- ♦ **9/10 First Saturday of Term 4**
- ♦ **11/11 103. Anniversary of Poland gaining back her Independence**
- ♦ **11/12 Last Saturday of term 4—end of 2021 school year.**

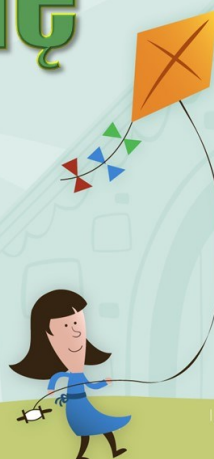
weeks your children will be able to return to face to face learning in their Australian day schools. As soon as Community Language Schools receive a green light to be able to come back to school, a text message will be sent to each and every one of you. We hope this will happen soon. We send you our warm thoughts and thank you again for your help and support.

The video is available [HERE](#)

Teachers from the Macarthur Polish Saturday School



Uczymy się z domu



SUMMARY OF TERM THREE

Does WINTER in Australia really exist?



It would seem that nothing special has happened in our school during those 3 difficult COVID months when all of us experienced the sadness of isolation and the inability to spend time with family and friends. It was during this extraordinary time that one of our teachers inspired the idea of looking for visible signs of winter in Australia. Did the children from the Macarthur Polish Saturday School find it? Where were they looking for it? How could you recognize that it was here? You will find the answer to these and other questions by watching this [VIDEO](#). Congratulations to everyone who took part in this cool project! Thank you very much for all the artwork and photos sent to us illustrating the search for visible signs of winter in Australia. I must humbly admit that your response to the invitation to participate in this competition exceeded our wildest expectations. We have received many fantastic and original art work and photos! The rainbow of colors awakened in our hearts hope for the quick end of the lockdown and a return to normal life. Awards for all participants of the winter competition will be presented upon their return to school :)

And after winter—spring comes, just like every other year. This is a special season that always brings hope and optimism for the future.

I am looking forward to seeing you at school soon!

SUMMARY OF TERM THREE

IKEBANAS for Fathers and Grandfathers



At the end of term three, our students were involved in one more project, inspired by the recent Olympic Games in Japan. In connection with the "Father's Day" celebrated in Australia on the first Sunday of September - students were asked to make traditional Japanese IKEBANA's and cards with wishes for Dad written on them in Polish, English and Japanese. Ikebana is a traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement known for a very long time. IKEBANAS symbolize balance, harmony and beauty. Twigs and flowers symbolize heaven, people and earth. It is an art full of mystery and spirituality, in which a man unites with nature by paying tribute to it.

There are different styles and names for this art:

- Rikka - standing flowers, tall vases.
- Seika - a form of a triangle, usually three flowers or plants.
- Moribana - a pile of flowers arranged at different angles.

In their compositions, the children used various types of plants, flowers, twigs, strings and other decorations. I hope you will like the photos and the short video that is a photo report of this project. Congratulations, to those who participated in this project, for your creativity and great ideas! Your IKEBANAS are real works of art. I am also convinced that you had a lot of fun doing them. Your smiling faces are the best proof of this.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the VIDEO

SUMMARY OF TERM THREE

Preschool

The first topic we have learnt about was "WINTER".

Based on the photos sent by Maksymilian's mother, children were explained what the winter season in Poland looks like. Our students got to know winter sports and the words describing winter season, such as: frost, snow, cold, scarf, sled, etc ...

We learned together a well-known song about winter: "We will make a snowman".

The second topic that we went over with our preschoolers was "Road Safety". The children were given many exercises related to this topic. The song "Traffic lights" was a great help.

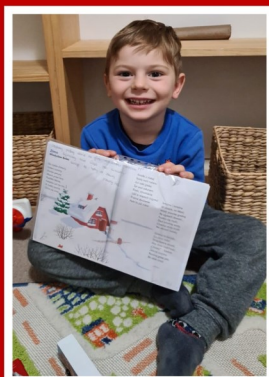
During the following week we have talked about "Father's and Grandfather's Day", which is celebrated in Australia on the first Saturday in September. The topic for home discussions was dad's physical appearance and his profession. As part of art classes, children made love hearts out of cardboard. Mums and kids worked on beautiful IKEBANAS made of flowers as a gift for dad and grandfather.

Another topic was "SPRING". This topic was aimed at making our little students interested in the world around us and the changes taking place in nature. The children were given sunflower seeds to plant. At the same time, I sent the children a very interesting film, "What do plants need?" Together, we established the "Green corner for preschoolers". We also talked about visible signs of spring in Australia by sharing photo reports of preschoolers looking for signs of spring in their places of residence.

Considering the difficult times we live in, I would like to summarise on an optimistic note. I was positively surprised by the incredible enthusiasm shown by all the families from the Polish kindergarten. Their attitude fills me up with great warmth and optimism for the future. I am sure that the current situation will change for the better soon and everything will be fine :)

Yours faithfully,

Elzbieta Purchala

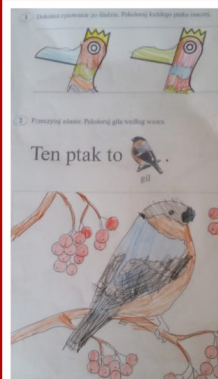
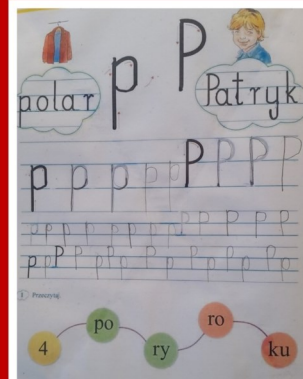
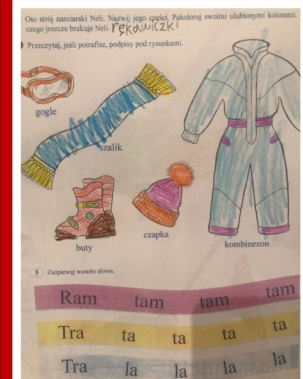
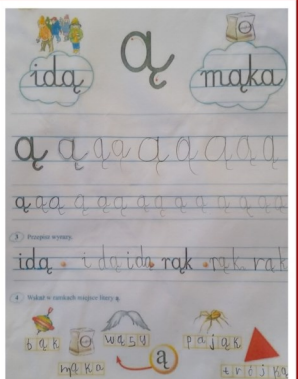
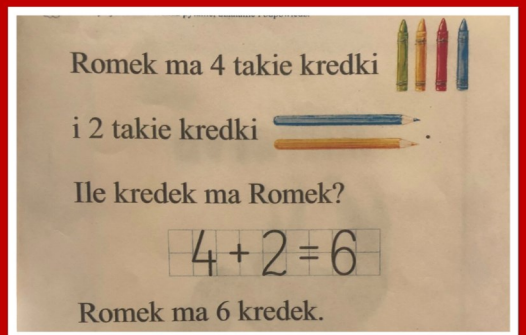
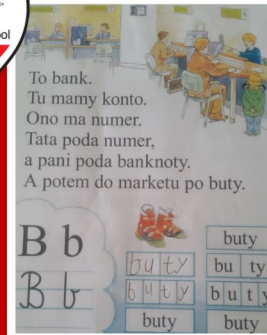
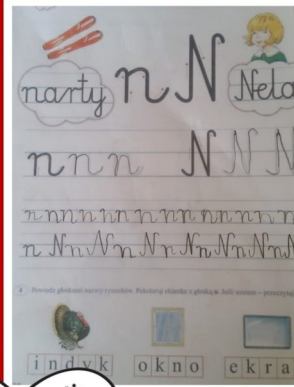


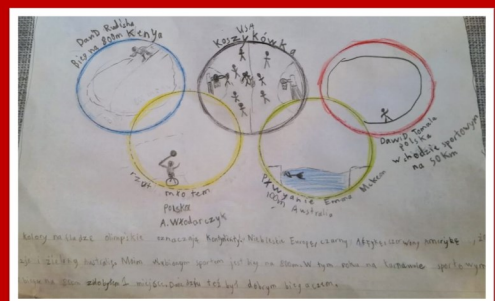
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Kinder & Year 1

For the first time during my career as a community language school teacher, it happened that during the entire term it was impossible to conduct face-to-face classes at the school. For almost two years, the entire world has been struggling with a pandemic that is so difficult to control. I was very relieved to hear that in the next few weeks, students in New South Wales would be able to return to the onsite learning. It's hard to know when Community Languages School students will be able to return to face-to-face classes, but we don't lose hope. Despite the fact that the classes were conducted online, thanks to the huge help of parents and grandparents, we managed to go over a few topics included in the curriculum program for group 0—1. In term three, we learned the following letters of the Polish alphabet: "ą", "p", "n" and "b". With the help of parents and grandparents, the students learned new words, divided them into syllables and sounds, and built sentences using them. The introduction of these letters and sounds was supported by a few short poems from the "ZOO" series written by Jan Brzechwa. Video recordings of each poem were posted out to the students at weekly intervals. Among them there were the following titles: "Tiger", "Parrot", "Elephant", "Boar" and "Panther". I was delighted to receive many video-recordings of children declaiming these poems. These were sent to me on our class Whatsapp group. Dear Parents and grandparents - thank you for your efforts in sending the photos of beautifully done homework. I look forward to receiving your help and cooperation in term four.

Bernadeta Kawa / Urszula Koscianska





SUMMARY OF TERM THREE

Year 4, 5 & 6

Term three was completely different from the previous two. Due to COVID restrictions, teaching was carried out remotely.

Students of year 4/5/6 were involved in two joint school projects:

"Winter in Australia" and "Ikebana for Dads & Grandads". The works made by the students were wonderful drawings, photos, cards, ikebanas and a beautifully described winter. Congratulations on your ideas and great, creative imagination.

In addition, the students had to describe their preferred means of transport chosen by them (by bike, car, plane ...). They also had to write a summary about the Polish legend they recently watched and compose a letter to a friend. Another task was to give their opinion on the "Grzesiek's Idea".

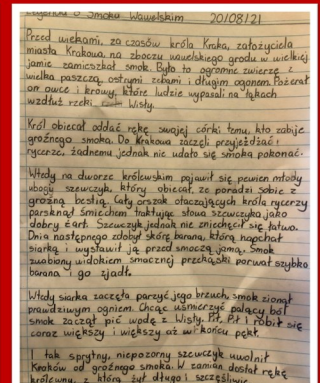
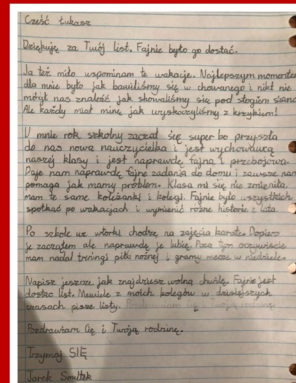
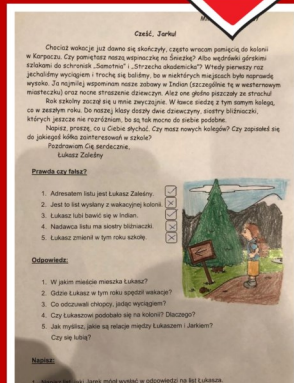
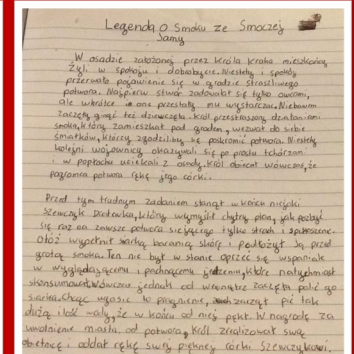
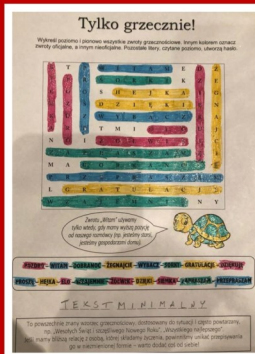
In term three, there was something to read and write in every lesson during online learning. Students were learning about three magic words such as: "thank you", "please" and "sorry" by searching for them in a „find a word” puzzle.

There were also some rebuses and crosswords to solve. These would give students the opportunity to practice words with "ó", "u" as well as "ż" and "rz".

The most active students in term three were: Kuba, Mikolaj, Layla and Pawel.

Thank you to the children, parents and grandparents for their cooperation and commitment during term three.

**Best wishes,
Basia Magolan**





103th Anniversary of Poland's Independence

"On November 11, 1918, the dreams of generations of Poles came true - the Polish State was born again: after the partitions and 123 years of captivity, Russification and Germanization, after large uprisings, free Poland returned to the world map" - reads in the resolution of the Polish Parliament establishing the year 2018 the Jubilee Year of the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining her Independence. As emphasized in the document, thanks to those who remained relentless, our Nation emerged victorious from the historical test. "Regaining independence took place through a fight full of dedication and heroism, not only on the battlefields,

but also on everyday struggles for the preservation of the spiritual and material national substance and in the daily survival of Polish families," proclaims the resolution. ([text source](#))

We too - the **Macarthur Polish Saturday School** community - would like to actively participate in the national celebration of this special day. It is an extraordinary day in the history of our nation - for Poles living in Poland and for those scattered all over the world. We hope that, following the example of the Fathers of Independence - Jozef Pilsudski, Roman Dmowski, Ignacy Paderewski, Wincenty Witos, Wojciech Korfanty and Ignacy Daszyński - Poles will abandon their disputes to celebrate this joyful anniversary in unity and peace.

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Friends of our school,

Let me share with you the premiere publication of a poem devoted to Poland's Independence Day. The poem was written a few days ago by Mrs. Cecylia Macioch, who is an undoubted pillar and mentor of our school community.

Polsko.....

był taki czas,

że na mapie świata

Ciebie nie było.

Trzy obce państwa

zabrały Twoją Ziemię

Wolność odebrały siłą.

Sto dwadzieścia trzy lata

byłaś w niewoli,

nie miałaś swoich granic,

nie miałaś symboli.

W sercach Polaków

zawsze byłaś,

na polach wielu bitew,

na emigracji,

Wolną im się śniłaś.

Sto lat temu

11 Listopada

marzenie się spełniło

odzyskałaś Wolność,

zwyciężyła Miłość.

Uczę się o Tobie

w Polonijnej Szkole,

chcę znać Twoją historię Polsko.

CURRENT INFORMATION



KANCELARIA PREZESA
RADY MINISTRÓW

Projekt realizowany przez Fundację Wolność i Demokracja,
finansowany ze środków Kancelarii Prezesa Rady Ministrów
w ramach zadania publicznego dotyczącego pomocy
Polonii i Polakom za granicą.



Z radością informujemy, iż w bieżącym roku szkolnym nasza placówka otrzymała wsparcie finansowe z Fundacji „Wolność i Demokracja” ze środków Kancelarii Prezesa Rady Ministrów, w ramach projektu „Białe-czerwone ABC. Wspieranie rozwoju edukacji polskojęzycznej w Australii”.

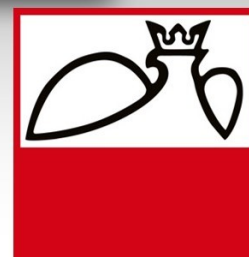
Otrzymane środki w całości bądź częściowo pokryły następujące kategorie kosztów:

- Dofinansowanie utrzymania punktu nauczania.
- Dofinansowanie do wynagrodzeń dla nauczycieli
- Doposażenie w pomoce metodyczne i materiały edukacyjne.



KANCELARIA PREZESA
RADY MINISTRÓW

Projekt realizowany przez Stowarzyszenie „Wspólnota Polska”, finansowany ze środków Kancelarii Prezesa Rady Ministrów w ramach zadania publicznego dotyczącego pomocy Polonii i Polakom za granicą.



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Otrzymane środki w całości bądź częściowo pokryły następujące kategorie kosztów:

- Dofinansowanie wynagrodzenia nauczycieli.
- Koszty administracyjne (ubezpieczenie szkoły, abonament internetowy i opłaty eksploatacyjne)
- Artykuły papiernicze, plastyczne, tonery
- Koszty dykcji i księgowo.

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 | Kinga Pacione |
| • Public Officer | Anna Nowicka |
| • School Coordinator | Bernadeta Kawa |
| • Treasurer | Hanna Beshai |
| • Secretary | Jolanka Rybus |
| • Member | Magdalena Selevitch |

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!



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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:

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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:

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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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Sunday Mass Times in Polish:

- 10:15—Holy Trinity Catholic Church;
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- 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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