Principal’s Message
Welcome back to term 3! Thank you to the many parents who attended parent teacher interviews yesterday and I am sure many more parents will be having an interview today.

Staff Changes
There have been a couple of changes. Mrs Tucker has gained a position as a teacher at Dapto PS which is very close to her home. We thank her for everything she has done for the Macquarie Fields school community and wish her all the best at her new school. Miss Hayman has transferred from Lurnea PS to our school and will be teaching 4 Sea Turtle for the remainder of 2014. We welcome Miss Gouhar who is teaching 2 Goanna for the remainder of this year. We all congratulate Ms Miller who has been successful in being appointed as the second Deputy Principal for our school. Mrs Jarman will be relieving as an Assistant Principal.

Education Week
I hope many parents and friends are able to visit our school on Open Day next Tuesday 29th July. There is a schedule for the day further on in this newsletter. Come along and visit the class displays in the hall, the Book Fair in Elouera and visit your child’s class at the allocated time. The children love to have you visit so they can show off their learning.

Respect
I again remind parents that at 2.50pm when you are allowed to walk to your child’s room it is still learning time for students. If classes are in the playground playing a sport please make sure you do not walk through and disturb the game and the learning of our students. They do not finish until 2.55.

Gates
Our gates will once again be locked. The main gate will not be locked but please close it if you enter the school grounds throughout the day. We are currently investigating an intercom system.

Stage One Excursion
The students who attended the excursion last week had a wonderful day of learning. For the classes that did not get to go due to the weather your excursion will now be on 8th August.

100 Days of kinder
This day of celebration is being held on Thursday 24th July and the children are dressing up as if they are old.

Kerrie Hayman
**WHAT'S ON**


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**ELOUERA NEWS**

We are so excited because our Book Fair is nearly upon us. We will have an absolutely brilliant array of children's books available at fantastic prices. The books will be on display in Elouera from Wednesday 23 July until Wednesday 30 July. This is a golden opportunity to purchase books for your children and grandchildren (even tuck a couple away for birthdays and special events). Another great idea would be to purchase a book and donate it to the library. Every person who buys a book for the library will have a specially designed plate put in the front of the book and a dedication and inscription there for all time.

Cash and Eftpos facilities will be available for this event.

**DID YOU KNOW...** if we sell $4 000 worth of books (that's only $5 per student) that we will receive $1 500 worth of unreal books and resources for our library from our friends at Scholastic? Support Elouera and buy a stack of books at Book Fair.

**FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF EVERY BOOK - YOUR CHILD WILL GO IN THE DRAW FOR A SENSATIONAL PRIZE!!!**
FIVE MINUTES OF FAME
Sarah Gouhar: Teacher 2 Goanna

Favourite Place in the world: The Pyramids in Egypt
Favourite food: Pizza and hot chips with gravy
Went to school: Caringbah North PS
Favourite football team: Parramatta Eels
Interesting fact: I don't like chocolate or ice cream but I love fruit and vegetables

NAIDOC WEEK

Our school celebrated NAIDOC Week last week, with a special ceremony and an extra special visit from Uncle Charlie Mundine, who is an ex service-man and Aboriginal elder in our community. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather, this assembly was held in the hall for Years 3-6 only.

NAIDOC Week is an important annual event, celebrating our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and vibrant culture which has been preserved and continues to enrich the lives of all Australians.

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. Here at Macquarie Fields Public School we have several students who are proud to be Aboriginal.
OPEN DAY
Tuesday 29 July

We hope that you are able to come to our wonderful school to celebrate the great learning that is happening in our classrooms and beyond. Why not stay and have a bite to eat, come down to the library and buy a book and don’t miss out on the amazing displays in the hall!

Kinder: - 9.30-10.15am
Stage 1: - 10.15-11.00am
Stage 2: - 11.35-12.15pm
Stage 3: - 12.15-1.05pm

SALVATION ARMY

The Drop In Centre will be open from Monday 21 July. Bring your enrolment information with you.

Woodbine Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Playgroup

Do you have a child on the spectrum either diagnosed or pending diagnoses? You’re not alone. Come along to the Woodbine ASD Playgroup to enjoy two hours of play with your child on the spectrum and their siblings and meet other families with ASD children.

When: Wednesdays during school terms
Starting: 23rd July 2014
Time: 10am—12noon (packing away starts 11.30am)
Cost: $2 per child

What to bring - due to allergies and sensory sensitivities parents / guardians are to bring their child a healthy snack and bottle/s of water for morning tea.
If your child requires supportive equipment please bring it to each playgroup session.
All parents and / or guardians are responsible for the supervision of their child at all times during the session. Arts & Crafts and other play equipment will be provided.

Bookings and further information phone 4625 1254
SPECIAL INVITATION

James Meehan High School invites Macquarie Fields PS to an exhibition showcasing the amazing talents of their performing and creative arts students.

WHERE: James Meehan HS Hall  
WHEN: Wednesday 30 July  
TIME: Exhibition at 5.30 and performances commence at 6.30pm

Hot and cold drinks will be available. RSVP Kristen.kovacevic@det.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday 23 July

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to volunteer some time to help local families with a baby who needs support?  
Focus on Families is looking for women who may have two spare hours each week to volunteer. Volunteers visit families in their home to offer practical & emotional support.

Our volunteers are required to undertake a free preparation course to train them in best practice & current techniques in caring for an infant before being placed with a family.

Preparation classes will be held each Tuesday and Wednesday in August 2014 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Phone focus on: 4628 1182  
Champions of the West Finalists 2014

Open Day Burger Combo Special $6  
Tuesday July 29th

Choose one Beef burger Chicken Burger Vegie Burger  
plus a popper and Jumpy’s chips

Name: ________________________________  Class: __________________________

Please return to the canteen by Friday 25th July
A great big thank you to Shahnaz Hair and Beauty (for ladies only) at Macquarie Fields for supporting our school's fund raising efforts with a Loyalty Card. You will be receiving one of these loyalty cards with your Fields Flyer this week, which will entitle you to a wonderful host of free treatments simply by supporting this local business.

**SCHOOL’S APP. NOW OPERATING**

Don’t have email but want to know what’s going on at Macquarie Fields P.S. Why not download our application on your Android or iPhone. It’s FREE!!!!!

For reminders about significant dates, this application takes information from the website and simplifies how to access it (photos and notes coming soon).

Follow the steps:
1. Access your Android, Play or Apple App. store
2. Search Macquarie Fields Public School
3. Select the Mac-Fields App. And install onto your phone
4. Once in the app. type into the following:
   username: community
   password: mfps
5. Select your child’s school year and any other school categories relevant

Now you can view the calendar and be reminded of significant school dates!