Principal’s Message
Term 3 Week 6

Wakakirri- Winners!
Last week our Wakakirri dance group told the story of the 75th anniversary of the Ingleburn army barracks in their amazing performance at the Wollongong entertainment centre. We were all very proud of them especially for winning the award for Best School in Public which rewarded them for their outstanding behaviour throughout the event. I would like to thank the amazing teachers Mrs Klimenty and Mrs Bijas who have been working on this since their training last year and giving up their lunch times each week, Mrs Minassian for developing the idea and her advice and expertise, Mr Sherlock and his father for the fabulous backdrop, Mrs White helping with makeup, Miss Gavenlock and Mrs Durham for help with props and Ms Witt for help with costumes. Thank you to the Colville family for organising the food for the children. This is just another example of the Macquarie Fields teamwork that allows such memorable experiences for the students.

Fire in the Fields
More students get to perform on stage tonight and tomorrow night and we wish them all the best. We thank the teachers who have been preparing them - Mr and Mrs Hudson, Miss Korman, Mrs Spalding and Mrs Gilyatt.

Office
There is a very important note going home today regarding permission to publish and access to the internet. This needs to be completed and returned to the silver box as soon as possible so information can be updated on our computer system. I encourage you to give your permission.

Camp News
Stage 2 students are having a wonderful time at Berry and Teen Ranch. Year 3 enjoyed archery and giant swing yesterday and Year 4 enjoyed indoor rock climbing and some amazing camp games.

Reminders
Make sure your child does not miss out on the Questacon Science show this week. The cost is $5. We are also looking forward to dressing up as book characters on Thursday to celebrate Book Week. Parents can come and watch the K-2 parade at 12.40 in Area D.

Just for Fun
We are going to have a go at winning $5000 for making the longest chain of loom bands for a Guiness World Record. Make your chain and bring it to the office by Thursday morning this week. We will join it together and send it in to Woman’s Day and see how we go.

Kindergarten 2015
Enrolment forms are due in now! Teachers are busy preparing for Kindergarten Orientation. If you have not collected forms from the office do so NOW!
This week we celebrate **BOOK WEEK**. If this isn’t happening already, this is a great opportunity to share some quality time reading with your children. As a part of the celebration of Book Week, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character on Thursday (if you’re stuck for an idea - think non-fiction). If you haven’t entered your **Premier’s Reading Challenge** books and need help, see Mrs Sherriff in the library on Friday. We have purchased some Minecraft books that will soon be in circulation, too!

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**FIVE MINUTES OF FAME**

**Favourite Place in the world:**  
Home

**Favourite food:**  
Thai chicken soup

**Went to school:**  
Leumeah PS and St Pat’s HS

**Favourite football team:**  
Tottenham Hot Spurs

**Interesting fact:**  
I back-packed around South America for 3 months when I was 14 years old. It was the best experience ever! I had chicken and chips in Chile and the chicken was really fresh (I mean fresh from the hen house!)
PROUDLY SUPPORTING MACQUARIE FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL


*Upholstery and Furniture Glenquarie  *Vanity Hair and Beauty Leamenuh  

*Wild Macarthur Square
Wakakirri Winners!

On Wednesday 13th August, 43 amazing students from our school performed at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong as a part of the Wakakirri National Primary Story Dance Competition. It was a long and challenging day for all the students involved, but they did a simply fantastic job and on the night were awarded “Best School in Public” for their outstanding behaviour throughout the day. We could not have been more surprised when, two days later, the following news was announced on the Wakakirri website:

MACQUARIE FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
GRACE’S STORY
Our item commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the Ingleburn Army Camp. It depicts the life of a young family, living at the barracks and how their lives were impacted upon when the father was called to serve for his country in World War 1.

CATEGORY AWARDS
- Amazing Moment
- Concept
- Combination of Dancing and Acting
- Show Stopping Group Dance
- Solo Acting

SHOW AWARDS
- Best School in Public

MAJOR AWARDS
- Best Dramatic Story Award
- Best Story Award

We have won the competition for our region! We will now progress to the Nationals where a panel of judges will compare us to the winning schools from each state to decide the “Story of the Year” in October. This has been an amazing achievement for all involved and we could not be more proud.

We would like to thank all the students involved for their hard work and dedication, Mrs Hayman for supporting us along the way, Mrs Eline for giving us the inspiration for our story, Mrs Gilyatt for mixing the music, Mr Sherlock and his father for creating our wonderful backdrop, Miss Witt for her sewing skills, Mrs Durham and Mrs Gavenlock for developing our props, Mrs Minassian and Mrs White for helping with hair and makeup and also their support on the night, the Colville family for keeping us well fed and finally the staff and families of MFPS for their continued support. We could not have done it without you!

Mrs Bijas and Mrs Klimenty.
Parent cafe is on Wednesday 27/08/14 (Week 7) in the Staffroom, from 9:15 to 10:30 am (after morning assembly).

This is a fantastic opportunity to come to the school to learn more about the wonderful programs that we offer our students at Macquarie Fields PS as well as meeting other families and teachers.

This week, we will be talking about:

- Curriculum, Scope & Sequence of Learning Intentions for English and Mathematics.
- The writing Process - instruction for writing
- Strategies to improve reading comprehension
- How to support your child’s learning
- Minute Maths, Problem-a-Day
- Strategies for enrichment students
- How to help with Mathematics homework

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/Go4Fun.html where you can also register.
The Go4Fun program runs for 10 weeks alongside the school term and is delivered twice a week for two hours after school and includes:

- **Nutrition and healthy eating (first hour):** interactive discussions and activities about nutrition and healthy choices;
- **Physical activities and games (second hour):** alternating between ‘land’ and pool based exercises and games.

Children who attend the program receive two free t-shirts, a drawstring bag, bouncy ball, water bottle and information folder (parents receive a separate folder).

**Where:**
Programs are run from sports centres, schools and community centres. We are always looking to develop new partnerships to engage families, link families into ongoing activities and explore new venues to deliver programs.

Go4Fun programs operate in most council areas of South Western Sydney and Sydney Local Health Districts.


**When:**
Programs run after school alongside each school term for 10 weeks. Sessions runs twice per week for two hours, usually starting at 4:00pm, 4:30pm or 5:00pm.

How much does it cost?
The program is FREE for all families.

**After MEND**
Each family is provided access to **MEND World** a website offering support and newsletters for the following 12 months. This encourages families to maintain new healthy changes and inspire ongoing positive steps. Information about available community clubs and programs in local areas is also provided to graduating families.

How to find out more and contact details:

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South Western Sydney and Sydney Local Health District Health Promotion Service  
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MEND: [www.mendprogram.org](http://www.mendprogram.org) OR FREECALL 1800 780 900