Principal’s Message  
Term 1 Week 3

Meet the Teacher  
Thank you to all parents who attended the afternoon sessions to meet class teachers and to find out information specific to your child’s class. If you were unable to attend, a note with information will be sent home and any questions you may have can be answered by the class teacher either before or after school or on the telephone if you work. This year I was very disappointed in the number of parents who attended our sessions. Please complete the survey so that we can cater for your needs.

Forms for high school 2016  
Parents of Year 6 students are invited to collect their expression of interest forms for high school from Mrs Macpherson at information sessions this week. Come along to 6M classroom from 3pm until 4 pm on Thursday afternoon or 8.30 am until 9am on Friday morning. Any questions you may have will be answered at these times. If you are unable to get to school at these times the forms will be sent home with your child. Please complete the form and return it to Mrs Macpherson. If you are interested in your child auditioning for Campbelltown Performing Arts High School there is an information evening planned at the high school 18th February at 6 pm.

Schoolparents.com  
I encourage parents to sign up. This is a wonderful way of communicating with each other and the teachers. Please see the information in this newsletter.

Ice blocks  
Our parents will be selling ice blocks in the afternoons. This will only continue if the children put the empty wrappers in a bin or take them home as they are littering on the way home. It is a lovely treat for the children and we do not want to stop selling because people are lazy.

Driveway  
Mrs Weeding is the only parent with permission to drive up the driveway into the disabled parking space as she needs to get Riley’s wheelchair out safely. Please do not walk in the driveway. We must stay safe and keep our children safe.

Afternoon pick up  
Parents are asked to wait in Area E until the 2.50pm pack up bell goes then walk up to the classrooms. Again this is so that our children’s learning is not disrupted. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Interrelate  
If your child is in Years 3-6 please consider coming along to this family evening to where a trained facilitator teaches about human sexuality in a child friendly way.

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**ELOUERA NEWS**

Our library program is off and running and fairly soon, the library will be back in action when our new classroom arrives. Don’t forget to get yourself a cloth or vinyl library bag to protect your books when you borrow them.

Now is the time to start looking in our library and the local library for the Premier’s reading Challenge books to start reading.

**FIVE MINUTES OF FAME**

(Mr) Neil Tasker 5 Strudel teacher and (Relieving) Deputy Principal

Favourite Pastime: Surfing  
Went to School: Miranda North PS and Endeavour HS  
Favourite Place: Garie Beach  
Interesting fact: I competed in the Australian Surfing Titles in......a while ago

**MEDICAL UPDATES (ASTHMA & ALLERGIES)**

ASCIA Action Plans - If your child suffers from ANAPHYLAXIS or has an allergy, we require you to complete an ASCIA Action plan. These can be downloaded at the link below or please see Mrs Kellie Stojanovic for a copy of this plan.  

Numerous students have asthma management plans that are out of date. If your child suffers asthma, we need a ‘Asthma Plan’ signed by your local doctor. If we currently have a plan that is older than 12 months, we need this to be updated ASAP.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our 2015 House Captains:

BORONIA:
Captains: Losana Lutu and Tyreece Milford
Vice Captains: Emily Bennett and Deegan Page

WARATAH:
Captains: Prasanna Middella and Ritikesh Deo
Vice Captains: Giselle Obeido and Jenson Jarvis

BANKSIA:
Captains: Demi Batziolas and Jovan Bekric
Vice Captains: Jemma Molloy and Halsey Kirisome

WATTLE:
Captains: Lachlan Bolter and Rebecca Armour
Vice Captains: Rami Harb and Kyah Gwilliam

THANK YOU

We would like to extend a great big thank you for your support with our recent Sausage Sizzle. Our school raised just over $1 000 which will be used to support students in a range of curricular and extra-curricular pursuits. Thank you to the students, parents and teachers who helped on the day. We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Hamze Meats at Glenquarie Town Centre for their amazing donation of sausages for this student fund raising event.
MACQUARIE FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
LUNCH BAG DAY

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
MEAT PIE WITH TOMATO SAUCE
OR
DINO CHICKEN NUGGETS (5)

YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE:
A packet of Jumpy’s, Fruit Juice Popper
& a special Treat......a FUN Slap Band

ALL FOR THE FANTASTIC PRICE OF $6.00

PRE-ORDER YOUR LUNCH BAG BY MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY TO
ENSURE YOU DON’T MISS OUT!!

_________________________________________________________________
CUT OFF

Name: __________________________________________________________

Class: ___________________________ Money Enclosed:

MEAT PIE    or    DINO NUGGETS

*Both items are Halal, PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

Glenfield Physie

DANCE, FUN & FITNESS!

Modern Dance & Basic Ballet

Strength & Flexibility

Affordable
Our school will once again provide our Years 3-6 students the opportunity to attend Interrelate sessions at school this year.

When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to help break the ice. Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, years 3-6)
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent’s discretion)
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session $25 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
*GST exclusive – GST is payable / claimable by the school or organising body

Where: MACQUARIE FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Monday, 2nd March 2015
Time: Where did I come from? – 6:00pm sharp | Preparing for puberty – 7:15pm sharp
Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child’s name and class

A Special Evening Program

Name of family: ____________________________

No. attending: [ ] Session 1: Where did I come from? [ ] Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: $ ___________ [ ] Cash [ ] Cheque (payable to school)

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schoolservices@interrelate.org.au
www.interrelate.org.au
We strive to provide the best possible educational opportunities for all of our students at Macquarie Fields PS and as such we highly value feedback from our whole school community. Last week, each class teacher held a brief session at the Meet the Teacher afternoon after school. This was a wonderful opportunity for our parents and carers to meet their children’s teachers and gain a better insight into some of the educational activities, routines and excursions etc. that are planned for 2015. We are always trying to improve our two way communication in our school and would therefore appreciate your input regarding the organisation of this event. Please take the time to comment in the space provided and return it to the school so that we can attempt to address any concerns.

PARENT SURVEY - MEET THE TEACHER

Positive Comments:
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

Suggestions:
_______________________________________________________________________
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Name: ___________________________ (Please Print)

GREAT NEWS!

Macquarie Fields Public has joined Schoolparents.com.au – the new, parent-only network connecting mums and dads based on the school their child attends. This is a great platform to signal your willingness to meet and connect with other school parents. Our school has created a page for you to follow. Here you can receive updates on school events, important achievements (and more!) straight to your newsfeed. Other great features of the site include:

- Access to our school uniform shop
- A Marketplace for you to trade pre-loved items
- Groups to join and much more
**CRUNCH N’ SIP**

**Why is breakfast important?**

- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life`1
SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

As at 1 July 2014

SPEEDING OFFENCES
School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

Maximum Penalty
$3,702
+ 7 Demerit Points

MOBILE PHONE USE
Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

Penalty
$415
+ 4 Demerit Points

CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS
Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

Penalty
$519
+ 4 Demerit Points

U-TURNS
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone

Penalty
$415
+ 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit:
www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.
These penalties apply to offences in schools zones only while the zone is active.
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2014

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

**DOUBLE PARKING**

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

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