Principal’s Message
Term 1 Week 10

Big Dig
Reminder-Tomorrow Stage 3 students will be going to the Rocks on an excursion. Also if your child is going to Stage 3 Canberra and the snow trip please start paying off some money regularly. There are still chocolates available for students to sell to assist with the cost of the camp.

Last day
Thursday is the last day of term and we will be having a fun day. All students can wear mufti for a gold coin donation to help pay for gifts for the Mother’s Day stall. Students in Years 3-6 can wear crazy hats. Students in K-2 will be making hats this week for the Easter Hat parade that will start at 11.45 in Area D. Parents are welcome to come and watch. If you take your child home early please sign out with the class teacher.

First Week of Term 3
Students return to school on Tuesday 21st April. On Friday 24th April we will be having our ANZAC Assembly at school at 10.15. Students may bring flowers to place at the flagpole during one part of the assembly. We also have students going to a special ceremony at Koshigaya Park in Campbelltown. Students will be singing in a mass choir and presenting our ‘Adopt a Digger’ project that a small group of students have been working very hard to complete. Parents are also welcome to come along to Koshigaya Park. It will be open from 10am until 2pm.

Mother’s Day Stall
We need parents to assist with our Mother’s day stall on Wednesday 29th April. This includes setting up and selling to the children. We need helpers from 8.30 am. If you can assist please call in at the office or phone 96051024 to put your name down.

Safety
I am still receiving reports of unsafe practices when dropping off or picking up. Please make sure you park carefully and use the crossing. Never cross the road with children at other places.

Staffing
We wish Miss Hastings all the best as she begins as a permanent teacher at Liverpool PS. We welcome Ms Christine Jones who will be teaching 5 Honey for 2015. Congratulations to Miss Delia who was married last Saturday so she is now Mrs Smith.

ICAS Tests for Years 2-6
Tomorrow morning is the final deadline for payment for the university tests.

Thank you to staff, parents and students for a great term.
I hope everyone has a Happy Easter and a safe, relaxing holiday so students return in Term 2 ready for learning!

Kerrie Hayman
WHAT'S ON

The Fields Flyer is full of interesting information each week. Make sure that you check out the DET web site for parents. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine

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ELOUERA NEWS

It is with some sadness that we have to report that student borrowing from the library this term has been really disappointing. Reading is not only a fantastic pass time, but it improves your understanding and makes you much smarter! We hope that the reason for this was because of the disruption to the library in Term One. Let’s make term Two the best borrowing term ever! There will be incentive prizes for the best borrowers in every class.

FIVE MINUTES OF FAME

Ben Angus Teacher of 2 Anchovy

Favourite Pastime: Watching and playing sport
Went to School: Leumeah PS and St Gregory’s College
Favourite Place: On the hill at Leichhardt Oval
Interesting fact: I am related to Michael Schumacher
HEADPHONES AND USB's
Headphones and USB's can now be purchased from the uniform shop only.

TRIPLE P – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed up by more than 30 years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behaviour, prevent problems developing and build strong, healthy relationships. Triple P is currently used in 25 countries and has been shown to work across cultures, socio-economic groups and in all kinds of family structures.

Learning Links will be running the Triple P program, from 2 locations in April.
It is aimed at parents with primary school aged children

MT Pritchard (South West Sydney)
Date: Commencing 22nd April - The program runs for 12 weeks every Wednesday.
Time: 11.00 - 1.00pm
Venue: Learning Links
Address: Level 1, 46b Reservoir Rd, Mt Pritchard, NSW 2170
Cost: $70 (morning tea provided)
Childcare: FREE childcare available funded by Fairfield RSL.

Presenter: Sheralee Longhurst
Call Sheraee Longhurst on (02) 8525 8222 or email slonghurst@learninglinks.org.au to make a booking.

STEWART HOUSE

Each year, our school nominates a student to attend a 2 week excursion to Stewart House at Curl Curl. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to participate in a range of activities that they normally would not be able to participate in AND they have medical and dental checks whilst there, too! Stewart House operates due to the generosity of the general public and one of their revenue raisers is through the collection of unwanted clothes.
All of the children will be coming home with empty Stewart House bags this week. If you are able to assist, please return the bags (either with clothes or empty), ready for collection by 2 April. In anticipation of your continued assistance.
YOUNG LEADERS' DAY

On Monday 23rd March the school leaders (Anaya, Deon, Kaydie, Isabella, Anita, Bowden, Patrick and Sanika) were invited to attend the “Halogen Foundation’s” Young Leaders Day at Sydney Entertainment Centre. The students met at Macquarie Fields Railway Station and travelled to the city by train.
This event focussed on self-improvement, self-motivation and helping in the community. Being able to take on responsibilities and to take others with them on a journey which may perceive too hard was a common thread throughout the day.
The speakers included N.S.W. Premier Mike Baird, Wildlife Conservation enthusiast Bindi Irwin, CEO of the Halogen Foundation Mike Marton and vision impaired singer Jessica Leachar. Our students were well entertained and represented Macquarie Fields admirably. They are a fantastic group of young people and are a credit to their families and the school.
This group will soon organise and run a fundraising event called Hurricane Hair Day to help the victims of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu. I look forward to seeing how they go about implementing the ideas mentioned during the day. We also look forward to the school community supporting this worthwhile project in the near future.

OUR SCHOOL APP. GOING GOING GONE!

Our school’s app. will no longer be available from Monday 6th April 2015 as we now have other services that provide you and our community with updated information about our school.

These services are:

- Our school website: [www.macfields-pschools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macfields-pschools.nsw.edu.au/)

(make sure you sign up to School Parents website and start following the Macquarie Fields PS page before Tuesday 31 March and go into the draw to win this wonderful Easter Basket filled with delicious treats! It takes less than a minute to sign up).
KIDS’ STUFF

Can you guess what this number represents?
The first correct answer drawn will win a canteen voucher!

TRY THESE!

The trickiest tongue twister in the English language is apparently "Sixth sheik's sixth sheep's sick". Give it a try and see for yourself.

DID YOU KNOW?
Even if an analogue clock is broken, at least it shows the correct time twice a day.

WHICH LIVING CREATURE?
________________ taste food by standing on top of it! Their taste receptors are in their feet unlike humans who have most on their tongue.

WHERE’S WALLY?
Wally is in the Seychelles. Where on Earth is that? What are some of the special things about the Seychelles?

Can you finish this drawing of an elephant? You will need to add a trunk, tusks, legs, hooves and eyes!
C O L O U R I N M O T I O N

**PAY OUT SOME FUN VISUAL ARTS AND DANCE**
**WORKSHOPS AFTER SCHOOL IN TERM 2!**

**MONDAY: K-2 VISUAL ARTS**
**TUESDAY: YEAR 3-6 VISUAL ARTS**
**WEDNESDAY: YEAR 3-6 DANCE**

**VENUE:** Macquarie Fields Public School (Fields Rd Macquarie Fields)
**TIME:** 3.45pm each week. Starting from **WEEK 2** (7th of April)
**PRICE:** $5 per week (brought in cash in an envelope on the day) or **PAY FOR THE** **TERM AND GET 1 WEEK FREE** ($40 Total)
**THESE CLASSES ARE STRICTLY FOR THE TERM. IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT, PLEASE NOTIFY MISS THORN IN ADVANCE.
**TEACHER:** Miss Katelyn Thorn (qualified primary teacher)
**CONTACT DETAILS:** EMAIL: colourinmotionworkshops@gmail.com
**MOBILE:** 0430323552

Hand in the permission note to the office and have your child’s name and class recorded on the roll. First in best dressed! The spots will fill up quickly. Enrolments close at the end of **WEEK 1**.

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C O L O U R I N M O T I O N

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP!!!**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL**

Come Along for some Creative Arts Fun!

**KINDERGARTEN-YEAR 2:** 10AM-12PM
**YEAR 3-6:** 12.30PM-3.30PM

**VENUE:** Macquarie Fields Public School (Fields Rd Macquarie Fields)
**PRICE:** K-2 Workshop: 3x35min lessons plus food breaks = $12
Year 3-6 Workshop: 3x45 min lessons plus food breaks = $15

**WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:** Money (envelope with name), Pencil Case (lead pencil, coloured pencils, scissors, glue, rubber), Comfortable clothes to exercise in

**THERE ARE LIMITED NUMBERS SO TO BOOK YOUR SPOT YOU NEED TO CONTACT MISS THORN BY MONDAY 6TH APRIL**

**TEACHER:** Miss Katelyn Thorn (qualified primary teacher)