

The Polish School of Sydney

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Welcome back to school for the final term of the year. The first three terms went by so fast and it will not be long to the summer holidays. Many of our school students have had the chance to visit Poland this year, so hopefully their language skills have improved accordingly.

City to Surf fundraiser:

Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time to help the school on the drink station during the City to Surf. With over thirty volunteers young and old, the school managed to raise over \$1000 on the day. Besides having fun we had an opportunity to show some community spirit and make the school known to the wider community.

The management committee appreciates everyone's enthusiasm and hard work on the day.

End of 3rd Term Presentation Day

Congratulations to all the students, staff and parents for the great presentation day in September. The local State Member of Parliament – Paul Pearce, Member for Coogee attended the day and saw the good work of the school. He was informed about the Community Language Schools and the issues of funding and use of government school policy. (Currently the school receives \$ 60 per student per year in funding)

All parents are encouraged to visit their local State M.P. to explain to them the need of rising the funding for community language schools such as The Polish School of Sydney.

For the last presentation day of the year we hopefully shall have more visitors to show case the school.

Staff Development Day:

The school held its final staff development session for the year last week; with a review of what can be improved in the school and the achievements that will make the school a better place to learn.

Students for 2007

Next year, as with every year, a number of our students will be moving into the high school and therefore we have to find more students to help maintain the student numbers. We ask parents and friends of the school to recommend the school to

anyone with school age children interested in learning Polish.

The purpose of learning another language is for your child to have the skills in the future to communicate, have better job prospects and also to develop better learning skills for their mainstream school.

Schools Fees: Please pay any outstanding school fees that are due for the Semester 2 (Terms 3 & 4). Please pay Magda - the treasurer or pay by direct deposit. See the school web page.

Parent Contact Details: Could parents/guardians provide the school with their latest contact details phone, mobile phone and latest email address etc., so the school can update its files. The school adheres to the Privacy Act and these details are strictly confidential.

If you have changed any of your details, e.g. moved, new mobile phone numbers etc., please inform the school, so we can keep accurate contact details.

HSC Polish Language Ball

The Polish Teachers' Association is organising its second HSC Ball for all Polish language students from Ashfield, Chatswood, Liverpool, Wollongong and Randwick. This year we are having the first graduating class from the Randwick Centre – a great occasion to celebrate!!! Remember before you know it, your own child will be doing their Polish HSC examine and will have the same Ball organised for them. So, show your support and get a group of family and friends together to have a table at the Ball. There will be live music, good food, dancing and a fun time.

Please contact Gosia on 9311 3723 for details.

The Committee encourages all parents and families to participate in all activities within the school, e.g. school functions such as presentation days, parent / teacher meetings, fundraising events, school picnics or Polish community events. The more the school is seen as a community, the easier it is to apply and receive grants from various government departments such as the Dept. of Education & Training, Community Relations Commission or the various Polish organisations that give out grants.