

# Bulletin

Minmi Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Dates for your Calendar below  
 Events can also be followed on our  
 School Website and School  
 App.



DATE	EVENT
<b>Week 4</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	PSSA Away V Glendale East PS
<b>Week 5</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week Library Visit K-2
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Milo Cricket Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	NO WEEKLY ASSEMBLY DUE TO BOOK WEEK OPEN DAY
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week Open Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	PSSA @ Home V Edgeworth Heights
<b>Week 6</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Taster lessons Wallsend High School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	NAPLAN School Readiness Test Yr 3 + Yr 5
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	NAPLAN School Readiness Test Yr 5
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Father's and Fella's Day Breakfast from 8am

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 11.50am-12.20pm 3-6 12.30pm – 1pm K-2	Water Safety Talks
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Newcastle Museum Science Shows Incursion 9-11am
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Premier's Reading Challenge Closes
<b>Week 7</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Spelling Bee Junior 9:30am-11:30am Senior 12:30pm-2:30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	'Flanno for Farmers' Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	PSSA Away V Cardiff
<b>Week 8</b>	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	P & C Meeting 6:30 pm in Library
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	PSSA Home V West Wallsend
<b>Minmi Public School Working Bee Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
<b>*Term 4*</b>	
<b>Week 8</b> Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day Wallsend HS Hall

**\* Please note the date for Presentation Day is the 7<sup>th</sup> December not the 14<sup>th</sup> as previously advised. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.**

**Have you seen these notes?**

- Canberra Payment Plan
- PSSA Soccer and Netball
- Book Week Library Excursion K-2
- Book Week Flyer

## Principal's Message

During this last week I have been privileged to accompany some of our students to some special Education Week events. As a member of the Callaghan Education Pathways, Minmi Public School was part of the College Education Week Assembly. I was so proud to present awards to 5 of our students who strive for excellence knowing that I could easily have presented many more! So many of our students do exactly that, strive for excellence, all the time. Congratulations to Julia, Laila, Jesse, Scarlett and Fletcher. I was reminded how wonderful it is to be part of a school community long enough to recognise MPS students from the past also receiving awards from Year 7 to Year 12. I had taught them all, and they will always be 'my' kids. Other familiar faces were part of the celebration in the College Band as well.

Another celebration last week was the NAIDOC Celebration at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. Some of our Aboriginal students were able to see the results of a huge amount of effort in a wide variety of projects that celebrate Aboriginal people, language and culture. I am sure they will go on to be positive role models when they leave us here at Minmi and move onto high school. So many important moments this week to contemplate the learning journey of all our students, past and present, from Minmi Public School.

Mrs Bellamy  
Relieving Principal



### AWARD GRINNERS WEEKs 2 & 3



## P&C

The next Minmi Public school P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 6:30 pm.

The P&C Committee now have an email address. Please contact them if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

[minmipublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:minmipublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

## Working Bee Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Please come along and share some of your weekend with us on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. We have a variety of projects that will improve the physical environment of our school and *'many hands make lighter work'*. There will be some morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch provided for those who are able to come along and lend a hand for some or all of the day. A note will be coming home soon with more detailed information.

## Callaghan NAIDOC Week Celebration



Mrs Bellamy was pleased to be able to attend the NAIDOC Week celebrations held at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus with some of our Aboriginal students. The yarning circle and dance area are a fantastic new space created by the Aboriginal students at Wallsend High School.

## Teacher Professional Learning

Staff continued their professional learning on Micro Skills in Behaviour Management with Shirley Ison on Tuesday August 7 from 3pm to 6pm completing Modules 2 and 3. Module 4 will be completed in a staff meeting in Week 6

## Callaghan Education Pathways Education Week Assembly



## Assembly Change

Please be reminded that for Term 3, 2018 we will be holding our weekly assembly at **9am** to allow for PSSA sport. Assembly will still be held on Friday and parents and friends are always welcome.

## 'Flanno for Farmers' Day

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September we are holding our 'Flanno for Farmers' Day! Wear your best 'flanno' (flannelette) shirt to show our support for all the farming families who are doing it tough during the worst drought in years. We are collecting school supplies or a gold coin to send to school kids in areas, not so far away from us, that are affected by drought. A glue stick, some pencils or textas, a note book, whatever you would like to give will be greatly appreciated by the kids who need these things to do their best work at school. If a gold coin is easier for you, that will work too! Minmi Public school is acting as a drop off point for 'Little Juddies Aussie Farmers Drought Relief' for the 'Drought Angels'.

## Gymnastics

Everyone has had a fantastic time participating in our new gymnastic program so far this term. Please be reminded that the cost of this program is covered in your Term Payment so please attend to this as soon as possible.

Parents are welcome to come along to watch the program. The time table is as follows:

9:00- 9:45 – Year 5/6  
 9:45 – 10:30 – Year 3/4  
 10:30 – 11:00 – Kinder  
 Recess  
 11:20 – 12:00 – Year 2  
 12:00 – 12:40 – Year 1

## Debating

On Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> August, our team had their final debate against Elernore Vale Public School. We drew the affirmative side and argued that “Swimming lessons should be compulsory for all primary school students”. We were very pleased to win the debate. I am extremely proud of the team’s commitment and willingness to learn and grow. They have been exemplary role models for Minmi Public School and should be commended on their mature approach and effort. Well done!

*Mrs McGilchrist*

## Science Shows

Museum Express are coming to our school for an incursion to present two science shows on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The K-2 classes will be attending the Sweet Vibrations show and the 3-6 classes will be attending the Light Fantastic show. These shows are provided free of charge for our students thanks to Michele Kowalski and the Maryland Community Centre.

As it is National Science Week this week the University of Newcastle is presenting Science in Practice – Developing our World on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Please see the flyer at the end of the Bulletin.

## Peer Support

Our Peer Support program started last week and all of our senior leaders did a great job. Session 1 was about getting to know everyone in the group, understanding the rules for working together and learning about Peer Support. Don’t forget to talk to your children about their Peer Support lessons.



## Crossing and Road Safety

It has been brought to the schools attention that some students are not using the school crossing or crossing nearby Frederick St safely. Please be reminded that it is recommended by Transport NSW that children up to 8 years old should hold the hand of an adult at all times when crossing the road.

## School Carnival Survey

Thank you to all the families who returned your survey on our school carnivals. Of the people who had experienced previous swimming carnivals at MPS or other swimming Carnivals

- 40% neither Agreed or Disagreed that community engagement was higher at the 2018 swimming carnival
- 60% either Agreed or Strongly Agreed that community engagement was higher at the 2018 swimming carnival

Of people who had experienced previous athletics carnivals at MPS or other athletics carnivals

- 9% Disagreed that community engagement was higher at the 2018 athletics carnival
- 16% neither Agreed or Disagreed that community engagement was higher at the 2018 athletics carnival
- 75% Agreed that community engagement was higher at the 2018 athletics carnival

## Recycled Craft Materials

Please start saving any clean recyclable materials that would be useful for a special school wide project that will be happening later in the year.

- Cardboard boxes of various sizes
- Cardboard rolls (no toilet paper rolls please)
- Ice cream containers

- Butter containers
- Plastic bottles
- Egg cartons

Any other containers or materials you believe would be useful for imaginative construction.

## Learning Packages

Term 3 Invoices have been sent home. If you did not receive one, please contact the office. There are several families that have not finalised their Term 2 payments. Your prompt attention to this invoice would be appreciated. If you require financial assistance please contact the office for an Assistance Form. All enquiries remain confidential.

Scope IT and Gymnastics have commenced this term and the fees for these programs are included in this payment system as well as many other ongoing programs offered at the school.

## Spelling Bee Finalists

This year we held a school spelling bee for Stages 2 and 3. The two finalists from each class will now represent Minmi Public School at the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee. This will be held at Tenambit Public School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Our finalists for Stage 2:  
Lachlan Miosge and Dominic Percy

Our finalists for Stage 3:  
Fletcher Manewell and Kiara Ross

Congratulations to you all! We wish you all the best for the final!

## Water Safety Education Program

Minmi PS participate in the Water Safety program provided by Newcastle Council each year. For 2018 the program will be run on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> August in two sessions.  
K-2 11.50am – 12.20 pm  
3 – 6 12.30 – 1pm

## Canberra Excursion

The Senior Excursion to Canberra will take place from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November till Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. Deposits are due now as per the Payment plan.

## Drum Corp

### **SUPER JAM IS COMING!** **Uniform**

Minmi Public School has a proud tradition of wearing full school uniform at all times. There have been reports in the media around changes to the NSW uniform policy for Public Schools. As Minmi PS already offers the same uniform shirt for both boys and girls and a choice of navy blue pants, skorts or shorts our current uniform policy meets requirements. Our school uniform policy is due for revision in 2019. Please be reminded that appropriate closed in footwear should always be worn and socks should be white. Hair accessories should be school colours.

## On Line Payments Reminder

Please ensure online payments are directed to the correct accounts. School payments must be made to the school account via the payments tab on the school website and P&C money must be directed to the P&C direct deposit account. If money is deposited incorrectly it is a time consuming task to re-allocate it. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Kinder Interest for 2019, 2020 & 2021

**The Kindergarten enrolment process for 2019 is already well underway. If you have a child wishing to start Kindergarten at Minmi Public School, please see the front office as soon as possible.**

Future planning is an important part of managing any school and Minmi Public School is no exception. We are interested in gathering information about potential enrolment numbers for the future. Please notify the office if you have children who you believe will be starting school over the next few years.

*All Welcome*

Term 2 Assembly Item Timetable	
Week 1	K
Week 2	1
Week 3	2
Week 4	3/4
Week 5	Book Week
Week 6	5/6
Week 7	K
Week 8	1
Week 9	2
Week 10	3/4

## Science in Practice – Developing our World



**Saturday 18 August – CT Building, Callaghan campus, The University of Newcastle**

Celebrating [National Science Week](#), the 1–4pm activities for the whole community (all ages) will:

- Showcase the [Faculty of Science's](#) practical [research](#) and activity
- Host interactive science activities\*
- Be preceded by the 11am – 1pm [Mini electric vehicle \(EV\) workshop](#)



\* [SMART Program](#), Electric Vehicle and interactive science displays including: Home-made solar cells, rocks and minerals, earthquake machine, magic beads, hovering magnets, icy-pole making, bionic hand and more

### **Scheduled Activities:**

- **11:00am-1:00pm:** Mini EV Workshop – *Build your own mini EV*
  - **12:00pm-2:00pm:** BBQ hosted by Rotary
- **1:00pm-4:00pm:** Hands-on interactive science
- **2:00pm-3:00pm:** Speaker Presentations<sup>^</sup> (6 minutes per topic) and Q & A

### **^Presenters and Topics:**

- People parts and androgen production ([Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Lee Smith](#)) – *Biological Sciences*
- Do you see me? ([Prof Kristen Pammer](#)) – *Psychology, Head of School*
- Microbial beasts, yeasts and ancient reefs ([Prof Brett Neilan](#)) – *Biological Sciences, Head of School of Environmental and Life Sciences*
- Electric and eclectic ([Emeritus Prof Tim Roberts\\*\\*](#)) – *Environmental Science*
- Paint-on Energy ([Dr Matthew Griffith](#)) – *Physics*
- Designing for data ([A/Prof Peter Howley](#)) – *Statistics*
- Horses for courses ([Emeritus Prof Tim Roberts\\*\\*](#)) – *Environmental Science*
- Wildlife restoration ([A/Prof Matt Hayward](#)) – *Environmental Science*
- Quantum mechanics and nanomaterials ([A/Prof Vicki Keast](#)) – *Physics*
- Data Science, Integrated STEM and Scholarships ([A/Prof Peter Howley](#)) – *Assistant Dean - Outreach*

\*\* original creator of Newcastle Museum's Supernova hands-on science activities

[Secure your free tickets and further information HERE](#)



# Minimi Public School Canteen Menu Term 3 2018



<b>FRUIT BREAK</b>	
Carrot or Cucumber Sticks (or mixed)	\$0.50
Apple or Orange quarters (or mixed)	\$0.50

<b>RECESS</b>	
Carrot or Cucumber Sticks (or mixed)	\$0.50
Apple or Orange quarters (or mixed)	\$0.50
Popcorn	\$0.80
Chocolate Chip Muffin	\$1.20
Finger Bun	\$2.00
Red Rock Deli Honey Soy Chips	\$1.00
Red Rock Deli Sea Salt Chips (GF)	\$1.00
Jatz and Cheese (6)	\$1.00

<b>DRINKS</b>	
Bottled Water (600mL)	\$1.00
100% Juice Popper (Orange, Orange & Mango, Apple & Blackcurrant) (200mL)	\$1.50
Flavoured Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry) 250mL	\$2.00

<b>WARM DRINK/ICE BLOCK/SLUSHIE (LUNCH ONLY)</b>	
Quelch Fruit Stick (99% Juice)	\$0.50
Lemonade Icy Twist	\$1.00
Mimi Calipo	\$1.00
Frozen Orange Juice Cup	\$1.50
Moosie Milk Freeze Chocolate, Blue, Strawberry	\$1.50
Frozen Yoghurt Strawberry/Vanilla	\$2.00
Slushie (Sour Apple, Blue Raspberry, Grape, Tropical, Lime)	\$2.00
Warm Milo	\$1.50

We are always looking for more volunteers so please let us know if you would like to be added to the roster.  
[minimicanteen@gmail.com](mailto:minimicanteen@gmail.com)

<b>SANDWICHES</b>	
(served on Hi Fibre Low GI Baker's Delight bread)	
Vegemite	\$1.00
Ham or Tuna (add cheese for \$0.30)	\$2.00
Cheese	\$1.30
Cheese and Tomato	\$1.80
Ham, cheese and tomato	\$2.50
Salad	\$2.50
(Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & cheese)	
Add ham or tuna	\$0.50
Any on a wrap	\$0.10
<b>All sandwiches/wraps can be toasted</b>	

<b>WRAPS</b>	
Pizza Wrap Toasted (Ham, pizza sauce & cheese)	\$3.00
Mexican Wrap Toasted (Mexican mince & cheese)	\$3.00
Sweet Chili Wrap (Chicken tenders, lettuce, tomato cheese & sweet chilli sauce)	\$3.50
Salad Wrap (Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & cheese)	\$3.00
Add ham or tuna	\$0.50

<b>SALAD TUBS</b>	
Salad tub (Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & cheese)	\$3.00
Add Ham or tuna	\$3.50
Chicken tenders (2) (GF)	\$4.00
Italian salad dressing available on request	

Everyday food, Occasional food, Gluten free option

<b>HOT FOOD</b>	
Beef Pie	\$2.50
Party Pie (Beef)	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Chicken Breast Nuggets (6)	\$2.50
Crumbed Chicken Tenderloins (2) (GF)	\$2.50
Pasta & Cheese	\$2.00
Pasta Bolognaisé	\$3.00
2 Minute Chicken Noodles	\$2.30
Garlic Bread (5 inch)	\$1.50
Pizza Single (Cheese and Bacon)	\$2.00
Beef Nacho's (Mexican mince, corn chips & cheese)	\$4.00
Crumbed Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayonnaise)	\$3.50
***NEW*** Flamed Grilled Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayonnaise)	\$3.50
Add cheese	\$0.30
Add salad	\$0.50
Beef Burger (Flame grilled beef patty, cheese and tomato sauce)	\$3.50
Add salad	\$0.50
Brooke's Pumpkin Soup	\$3.00
Tomato Sauce	\$0.20
Barbeque Sauce	\$0.20
Plastic spoon or fork	\$0.10

- Orders are to be received by 9am.
- Fruit break, recess and lunch orders can be placed on the same bag
- Please try and provide the correct change
- Clearly mark orders with child's name and class