

# Bulletin

## Minmi Public School

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Term 2 Week 4 2019

## 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>Term 2</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 6 Mural Painting Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education Centre Visit
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm	P&C Meeting
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Star Stuck 1 <sup>st</sup> Major Rehearsal 8:45 am – 1:30 pm
<b>Week 6</b>	
<b>Week 7</b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	K-2 Pet Safety Talk
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Rehearsal Times TBA
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Tech & Dress Rehearsal Times TBA
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Matinee & Evening Performances 9:45am – 1:30pm 6:30pm – 10pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Star Struck Matinee Performance Excursion

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	CANTEEN CLOSED – Star Struck
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Matinee & Evening Performances 1:30 pm – 10pm
<b>Week 8</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Refugee Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	School Banking Talk @ Weekly Assembly
<b>Week 9</b>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Carnival
<b>Week 10</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sem 1 Reports Home + Interview Week
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	School Dance Concert
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Change to Staff Development Day/ Pupil Free Day from Week 1 Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July to Week 5 Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Presentation Day

## Have you seen these notes?

- Public Speaking
- Dance to be fit
- P&C Pie Drive
- Healthy Harold

## Principal's Message

Our aim at Minmi Public school is to create life long learners. One of the best ways to do this is to show our students that you never stop learning even when you are a 'grown up'. The Minmi Public School staff team are constantly learning new skills and strategies to deliver best pedagogy and practise in education.

Teaching and support staff are working on developing their skills and strategies in Explicit Instruction or EI to benefit all student learning. Staff are implementing the 'engagement norms' in classrooms where the students are scaffolded for success and learning takes place in a structured and supported way. Teachers are able to constantly assess levels of student understanding which informs their teaching practise.

Whole school staff are completing MAPA Training or Managing Actual and Potential Aggression after hours in lieu of staff development day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We are combining with the John Hunter Hospital School staff to participate in this world wide professional skills training. The MAPA training program is a mix of practical, hands on training and psychology theory which will benefit the safety of all our students and staff. Our first team consisting of Mr Griffiths and Mrs Hardy have been working with a team from Hamilton North PS to integrate the National Literacy and Numeracy progressions into our reflective practise, goal setting and assessment strategies. The second team will participate later this term. Our goal is for the two teams to come together to share their learning and as a whole school team devise and plan a whole school approach. All of this professional learning is facilitating our push towards constant school improvement against the School Excellence Framework and our school plan.

Mrs Bellamy  
Principal (Rel)

## P&C

The next Minmi Public School P&C General Meeting will be on Wednesday 29th May 2019 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)



### AWARD GRINNERS



## School Banking

You may not be aware but school banking helps raise awareness of financial literacy and raises money for our school at the same time! There are lots of students interested in the program (and the prizes) who are not currently taking part. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at our



whole school weekly assembly we will have a guest speaker come and present to the students. There will be a Q&A for parents interested in the program held after the student presentation.

## Weekly Assembly Term 2

Due to our PSSA commitments and Dance 2B Fit this term our Weekly Assembly will take place on Thursday afternoons at 2.30. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We request that all younger siblings remain with parents during the assembly so our students can concentrate on attending fully to the progress of the assembly. Your support in this is appreciated.

## Star Struck 1<sup>st</sup> Major Rehearsal

Our Star Struck Team has been working hard at lunchtimes with Mrs Hardy and Miss Clulow to make sure they are well prepared for their first major rehearsal next week. We hope it all goes well and know that once again Minmi PS will be represented to the highest standard.

## NAPLAN Online 2019

There has been a lot of activity in the media around NAPLAN Online. At Minmi PS our students worked beautifully and there were only a few low level glitches which were expertly dealt with by Mr Griffiths. At this stage no student from our school will need to re-sit the test. Thanks to Mr Griffiths who has been working tirelessly to prepare for NAPLAN this year.

## New Carpet in Kinder Room

On Monday Kindergarten were temporarily relocated to our school Library for the day. This was so new carpet could be installed in the B Block classroom and break out room.

Mrs McGilchrist not only came to school on the weekend so the preparation work could take place but also worked late into Tuesday night to have the room back in one piece for lessons on Tuesday. Thanks Mrs McGilchrist! Kindergarten are loving their new comfortable carpet.

## Grip Leadership Day

Mrs Hardy and Miss Buckle were so proud of our amazing senior students who took the opportunity to be part of the Grip Leadership Day. This day is a fantastic combination of speakers and activities that our students can take inspiration and lessons from into their secondary schooling, tertiary education, careers and their lives in general. A brilliant skill building opportunity!



## Walk Safely to School Day

Congratulations to all of our students and families who took part in Walk Safely to School day last Friday. It doesn't matter if you walked to school same as usual, you walked to school for the first time or you parked the car a bit further away and had a longer walk to school it was fantastic to see everyone adding some fitness and fresh air to their day!

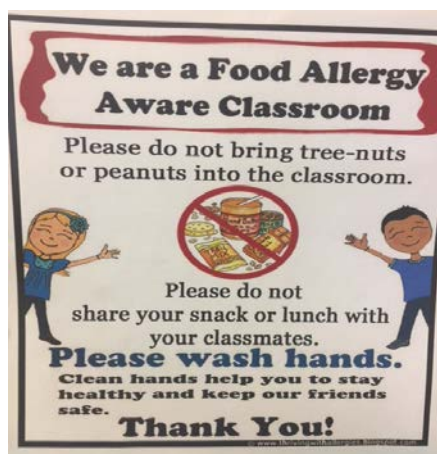
## Dance 2B Fit

Rehearsals are well underway for our first Minmi Concert at the end of the term. It is fantastic to see the excitement and energy in Dance 2 B Fit lessons that will culminate in our 'Friendship' Themed concert. The concert will take place under the COLA on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm. Family and friends all welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!



## Be Allergy Aware

Please be reminded that no nuts or nut products are to be brought to school. We have students who are anaphylactic and it is up to all of us to keep them safe from a potentially deadly reaction.



## Safety Drills

Safety drills are a mandatory component of the WHS procedures in our school. In Term 1 all staff and students have participated in

Evacuation Drill - 10/03/2019

Lockdown Drill – 28/03/2019

School procedures ensure students with special needs are catered to in all drills conducted. All drills are evaluated and procedures and equipment are updated where necessary.

## Note System

Just a reminder how our note system works. Notes will go home on 'Note Day Thursday' in most instances. There may be occasions where a note needs to be issued on other days. All students have been issued with a red 'note folder'. Please ensure this checked and is returned to school each day. Our notes are colour coded for specific purposes.

**Pink** = Payment Required

**Blue** = Sport

**White** = Information only

**Purple** = P&C

## Change to Staff Development Day Term 3

As a proud member of the Callaghan community of schools, Minmi PS staff are regularly supported to access high quality professional learning through our association. In Term 3 our staff will attend staff development with a number of our community schools which would normally be unaccessable for a small school staff. To access this learning there will need to be a change of Staff Development Day/ Pupil Free day in term 3. Instead of the first day of term 3 week 1 Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> July) the Staff Development Day/ Pupil Free day will be on the first day of week 5 (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August).

This notice is to inform the school community and the matter was raised at the P&C Meeting on 20/03/19. If you have any concerns about this reschedule please contact the school.

## **Earn and Learn is back for 2019!**

Woolworths has just launched Earn & Learn, and Minmi PS is once again joining it. For those parents who aren't aware of the program, if you shop at Woolworths between 1st of May and the 25th of June you can earn stickers. Our school will be collecting these stickers which we'll be able to swap for new school equipment; things like art and craft supplies, sports gear, teaching aids, and more.

So, for any parents who shop at Woolworths, please collect those stickers and drop them in to our collection box at school. Thanks for helping out!

## **Visits with Hamish!**

Hamish and his handler, Justine, from the Delta Society's 'Classroom Canines' program will be visiting us every Tuesday this term. As part of our commitment to the wellbeing of our students we recognise the positive impact pets as therapy animals can have. Kindergarten had a great time reading 'Hairy Maclary' to Hamish and they were quick to point out how much Hamish is like the character 'Hurcules Morse'. We all think Hamish is as 'big as a horse' too!



## **Fence Construction**

Construction on our Woodford St boundary fence and internal fencing is complete. Staff are in the process of developing protocols around lock out times and access procedures. Please be patient as this is a complex process. When protocols are devised they will be communicated to the whole school community. It is our intention to have gates clearly marked as soon as signage can be arranged. Equitable access for all of our school community will be paramount in the decision making process.

## **Kinder Interest for 2020 & 2021**

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 Fridays 2:30pm**

Week 1	N/A
Week 2	5/6
Week 3	K
Week 4	1/2
Week 5	2/3
Week 6	3/4
Week 7	5/6
Week 8	K
Week 9	1/2
Week 10	
<b>Term 3</b>	
Week 1	5/6

