

# Bulletin

## Minmi Public School

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Thursday 9th May 2019

## Dear Parents and Carers,

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

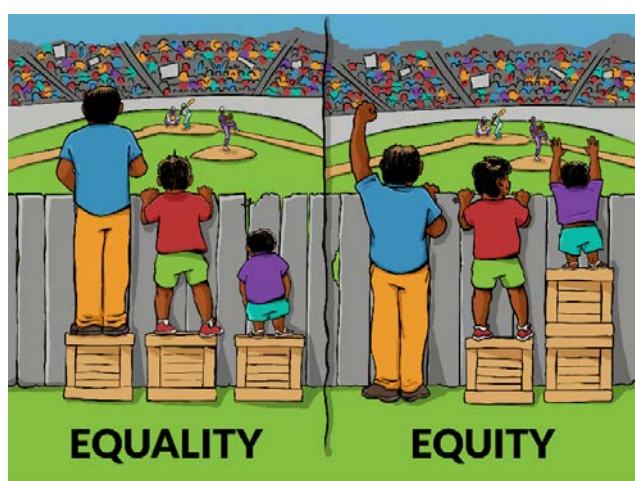


DATE	EVENT
<b>Term 2</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Anzac Day Service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Zone Cross Country
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Star Struck Rehearsal 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	P&C AGM + Meeting
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photo Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Lovely Ladies Afternoon Tea + Performance
<b>Week 3</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	CANTEEN CLOSED – No Volunteers
<b>Week 3/4</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Online Test Times TBC
<b>Week 4</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	
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 Struck 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
<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
<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	

**TERM 4**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> DecWhole School  
Presentation Day**Have you seen these notes?**

- Public Speaking
- Dance to be fit
- Star Struck optional excursion
- P&C Pie Drive

***Principal's Message***

Equality and Equity are two strategies we use in an effort to produce fairness. Equity is giving everyone what they need to be successful, equality is treating everyone the same. Equality aims to promote fairness, but it can only work if everyone starts from the same place and needs the same help. At Minmi Public School, we want all of our students to be successful by getting the support where they need it. Treating everyone the same is actually not fair. What equal treatment does do is erase our difference and promote privilege. When everyone is different, fairness and success also differs. Not everyone starts in the same place, and not everyone has the same needs. Classrooms are made up of different learners which is why our teachers differentiate lessons to accommodate the learning styles and ability levels. The difference between equality and equity is an important distinction to make and it is important for us as a community to embrace the idea of

supporting success for all. Helping our students to understand this concept is essential for us all.

Mrs Bellamy  
Principal (Rel)

**P&C**

The next Minmi Public School P&C General Meeting will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Leaders Link Day**

Last term our school leaders joined other leaders from all the Callaghan West Community of Schools to spend the day learning about leadership and team building skills. It was wonderful to see some of our ex Minmi PS students in the Callaghan Wallsend Campus leadership team who were there to work with us. We also met with Mr Unthank the Deputy Principal and one of the year 7 advisors for next year. Mrs Bellamy and Mrs McGilchrist ran the day and were very proud of how our school leaders conducted themselves.





## Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to everyone who came along and celebrated our Easter Hat Parade and raffle. Combined with the Cross Country it was a great day out in the sunshine and fresh air with family and friends. Due to our successful 'out of uniform egg donation day' we had a huge bunch of prizes in the raffle run by the Year 6 Fundraising committee which raised money for the Year 6 gift. Congratulations to all the winners and congratulations to everyone who showed their school spirit and creativity with so many fabulous hats! (The Staff did pretty well too!)



## 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.

## Cross Country

What a great day for a sausage sizzle! Thank you to our P&C and parent volunteers who helped with the sausage sizzle and running the cross country race. Congratulations to all our students who put in their best effort to run such a long way!

## Anzac Services

Our School Anzac Service was beautifully presented by our school leaders. Many of our special guests commented on what a wonderful service it was. Thank you to our parents and friends who came along to share this special event with us.



In the holidays our school leaders and Mrs Bellamy attended the Wallsend Diggers Anzac Day Dawn Service. The leaders represented our school with honour.



## Soccer Knockout

*Minmi PS vs Elmore Vale PS*

*We all had a great game and we all put up a good fight. The score ended up 0 - 12 their way. They were a very good team and had some very strong players. We had some good players too but they were a better team in general. We only had one reserve for the first half and then one of our players had to go to a different school for a Rugby Union try out for PSSA. Our energy levels were low but we tried our hardest.*

*By Lucas J & Georgia S*

## Netball Knockout

*On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of May, the Senior Netball team and four from the junior team played a game against Edgeworth Public School.*

*Sadly, we lost 1 - 49 but we all had lots of fun and enjoyed the game.*

*The netball team included: Abby, Jacqui, Chloe, Ariya, Kolbi, Marli, Maggie, Kenadee and Scarlett. The other team were hard working and had great technique. Thank you to all the parents and students that cheered us on.*

*By Jacqui and Abby*



## Lovely Ladies Afternoon Tea

Thank you to all our helpers who made our wonderful Mother's Day events happen. It was so lovely to see some Dad's who came along to serve the afternoon tea. We hope all our 'Lovely Ladies' who came along enjoyed their afternoon and we wish everyone a happy Mother's Day on Sunday.







## Minnie Visits Kindergarten

When Kindergarten were chosen as the best class at weekly assembly they were very excited that Minnie was coming to visit! Looks like Minnie had a great week!



## NAPLAN Online 2019

NAPLAN online begins next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and runs till Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May for our Year 3 and 5 students. Student will complete 4 exams that tests skills essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. Wish all our students the best of luck!

## 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.

The application website opens on Tuesday 30 April 2019 and closes on Friday 17 May 2019. You must apply by the due date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 30 April 2019.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

## **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. Students have been very excited about Hamish visiting all the classes and Hamish is super happy to be coming to our school. He has had lots of stories read to him and has had lots of pats

and cuddles. He is looking forward to playing some games with the students too.



## Fence Construction

Construction on our Woodford St boundary fence and internal fencing is expected to be completed next week. Once gating is in place protocols around lock out times and access procedures 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

# Good for Kids good for life

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.



You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from school and walk the rest of the way

Regular exercise with your child is not only beneficial to health, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, active kids are healthy kids, so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for **Friday 17 May 2019!**

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

Source: Walk Safely to School Day



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