

Bulletin

Minmi Public School

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Term 2 Week 10 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

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



DATE	EVENT
Term 2	
Week 10	
1 st – 5 th July	Sem 1 Reports Home + Interview Week
Friday 5 th July	School Dance Concert 1pm
TERM 3	
Change to Staff Development Day/ Pupil Free Day from Week 1 Mon 22 nd July to Week 5 Monday 19 th August	
Week 1	
NAIDOC WEEK 7th – 14th July	
Monday 22 nd July	All Students return
Monday + Tuesday 22 nd + 23 rd July	Stage 3 Peer Support Leader Training
Weekend 27/28 TBC	Working Bee
Week 2	
Wednesday 31st July 6:30 pm	P&C Meeting
Week 3	
Tuesday 6 th August	Zone Athletics
Week 4	

Week 5	
Monday 19th August	Staff Development Day Pupil Free Day
19 th – 23 rd August	Book Week – 'Reading is my Super Power'
Friday 23 rd August	Book Week Open Day Book Character Parade and Book Fair
Sunday 25 th August	Bunnings BBQ Wallsend
Week 6	
Wednesday 28 th August	K-2 Book Week Library Excursion
Friday 30 th August	Father's Day Breakfast
TERM 4	
Friday 13 th Dec	Whole School Presentation Day

Have you seen these notes?

2019 Invoices
Great Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 3
Entertainment Book Fundraiser
Bunnings BBQ Helper

Principal's Message

The mid year holidays are almost upon us! I know many students have told me about taking the chance travel away with their families or spend time at home and around our local area. This is a chance for our students (and teachers) to recover from a busy Term 2 and prepare for Term 3 ahead. It is the perfect opportunity for unstructured play and hopefully there will be some lovely sunny winter days to get outside to the park, the beach, the harbour or the country for bike rides and walks. The importance of unstructured and outdoor play is repeatedly written about for it's benefits for our children's wellbeing. Take any opportunity you can to

try new things and discover new places (even if they are local) and enjoy the holiday break. Students return Monday 22nd July as staff development day/ pupil free day will be held in week 5 on Monday 19th August.

Mrs Bellamy
Principal (Rel)



AWARD GRINNERS Weeks 8 & 9



P&C

The next Minmi Public School P&C General Meeting will be on Wednesday 31st July 2019 at 6:30 pm.

The P&C Committee email address.

minmipublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Please contact them if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

School Mobile App

Information on our new Skoolbag App was sent home last week. Please have a look at our new look app which allows you to access a wide variety of information from school.

Absences and change of details can now be entered through the EFORMS tab on the Skoolbag App.

Instruction guides are available from the front office.

Attendance

At Minmi Public School, we pride ourselves on our excellent rate of student attendance, which is never below the Department's target. We hope to maintain our record.

So, just as a friendly reminder:

- ◆ If your child is sick or unable to attend school on a particular day, you can notify us by phone, by email, by using the APP or by sending to school a letter explaining why your child was absent. This now needs to be done within 7 days of the first day of absence.
- ◆ Teachers are required to contact parents after their child has been absent for 2 consecutive days. This is part of the Department's Attendance Policy and is just to find out why your child isn't at school. This is a role we must complete as part of this policy implementation.
- ◆ The Department of Education prefers planned absences, such as a family holiday, to be scheduled for school vacation periods, **NOT during school and valuable learning times**. Children's progress often slips back behind their peers if they take an extended period of leave.
- ◆ We understand that, at times, an extended absence, such as a family holiday, is impossible to avoid. If this happens, please make an appointment with the Assistant Principal or Principal to obtain the correct forms to apply for an extended absence and obtain a certificate of approval

EVERY DAY COUNTS....
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	the same as fulltime attendance to ...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

It is important all parents and caregivers to understand schools and the department monitor all absences including partial absences (lateness or early collection). If partial absences become habitual the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) must be contacted by the school as part of the schools welfare obligations.

Star Struck 2019 'No Limits'

Congratulations to our fantastic 2019 Star Struck team:

Mae, Scarlett, Lily V, Giselle, Abby, Kolbi, Jacqui, Siera, Ella Wa, Ella Wh, Elaina, Breanna, Ariya, Georgia, Lucas J and Eve.

Our students performed with skill, enthusiasm, lots of smiles and gorgeous costumes during four shows presented to the public – with an audience of thousands over the two performance days. The team has been working very hard since last term, attending numerous rehearsal days at the Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium and the Newcastle Entertainment Centre and giving up lunchtimes each week to practice.

Star Struck 2019 'No Limits' was a unique large-scale arena performance showcasing the artistic talents of our public school students. Over 3500 students from public primary and high schools from the Newcastle,

Hunter and Central Coast entertained audiences through song, dance, drama, music, comedy and other routines, such as circus acts. It was an absolute privilege to be part of such a professional production. The whole show was wonderful and our Minmi team were amazing. They should be congratulated on their hard work and dedication.

We would like to thank all the Star Struck parents. Their help and support throughout the busy Star Struck journey was very much appreciated! Please take the time to complete the Star Struck 2019 'No Limits' Evaluation using the link below. The evaluation closes on Wednesday 17 July 2019.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczk2yzQ6hO7mtyje33f5OeN_Ez8LHI4Yj4hQC_NZGVp9YjkAq/viewform?usp=sf_link

Once again, congratulations to our fabulous Minmi 2019 Star Struck team!

Shannon Hardy & Kaitlan Clulow
Star Struck Coordinators



K-3 Students were lucky enough to have a visit from Callaghan College Wallsend Campus students to showcase some of their Aboriginal student's talent for NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC week falls in the school holidays from Sunday 7th July until Sunday 14th July with the 2019 theme being 'Voice, Treaty, Truth'. There are some wonderful events occurring in our local area and across Newcastle. The school will hold our NAIDOC Week celebration early next term and hope to be able to visit Murook Aboriginal Cultural Centre later in the year. Some of our senior students will also attend the 'Voice, Treaty, Truth' event for Callaghan schools next term.

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.

Weekly Assembly Term 3

Due to our PSSA commitments 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.

Athletics Carnival

Due to wet weather our Athletics Carnival has been postponed until Wednesday 24 July.

Private Transport

We are lucky to have so many willing and able parents who help us keep costs to a minimum on small group excursions and sporting events by providing private transport. Please be reminded that when private transport is to be used for school activities it is important to fill in the permission note accurately to save teachers excessive administration time ensuring all students have appropriate transport. We have amended our excursion note for private transport to assist you in this matter. Please be reminded that it is essential that parents have the required documentation filed with the school office when transporting students other than your own child. These are Department of Education requirements. As these documents expire and are renewed individually it is important for copies of current information to be handed in to the office.

Public Speaking

Our In-School Public Speaking finals took place this week and there were some fantastic speakers on display. For many of these students it was the first time speaking in front of a group larger than their class and they all did very well. Congratulations to the winners of each stage who will head off to represent Minmi PS at the Inter-School Competition next term.

C.A.R.E.S Bike Safety Excursion

On Wednesday the 3 of July, Years 4, 5 and 6 went on an excursion to the Central Coast to the C.A.R.E.S Bike Safety Centre. When we got there we met two police officers and they told us what we were going to do.

Firstly, we went inside to watch a slideshow on how to be safe on bikes and on the road. Then we went outside and found a bike that was level with our hip. Next we did the ABC bike check. A= air, B= brakes, C= chain. Then we did some bike drills under the cola.

After recess we got our bikes and we chose two leaders - Jake and Jacqui, to lead groups around the bike road. We learned how to follow the road rules and use different signs and a roundabout. Afterwards we had lunch.

Then we got free time to ride around the bike track. We also got licences and Miss Buckle and Mrs Hardy became police officers! If we broke the road rules, like running a red light or not stopping at a stop sign, we would lose demerit points. Those who lost 4 – 6 points had to do community service!

Before we left, we got a free pen and drink bottle. We learned lots and had heaps of fun!

By Jacqui and Abby





school is via pedestrian gates only and not via the staff carpark.

Goodbye Hamish!

Unfortunately our wonderful Hamish is unable to return to us next term. We have had a wonderful time sharing our school with him and his handler Justine and we wish him well in his future adventures. Delta Society are already on to the task of finding a replacement friend to visit Minmi PS and we look forward to meeting them in Term 3.



2019 Invoices

2019 Student Invoices are going home this week. Your attention to these invoices is greatly appreciated. The invoices include the **voluntary** school contribution for those parents and carers wishing to support our school in this way. Further information is included with the invoice or if you need clarification on any matter please contact the school.

Canteen Construction

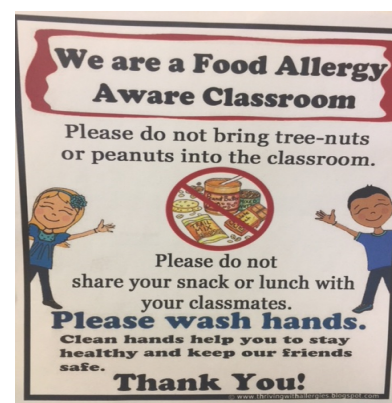
Canteen construction is well underway. The canteen has been scheduled to be finished prior to the school holidays so that refurbishment of the old canteen and sports store can be completed during the school holiday period. We hope to be serving from the new canteen next term.

Fence Construction

The new gate signage has been installed and looks great. Currently the gate in the lower part of the playground will be installed after completion of the canteen. The gate at the top of the COLA has been assessed and work on an intercom system to gain entry will begin shortly. Please ensure that entry and exit to the

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.



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 unaccessible 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 (22nd July) the Staff Development Day/ Pupil Free day will be on the first day of week 5 (Monday 19th 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.

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 3 Assembly Item Timetable Thursdays 2:30pm	
Term 3	
Week 1	5/6
Week 2	K
Week 3	1/2
Week 4	2/3
Week 5	3/4
Week 6	5/6
Week 7	K
Week 8	1/2
Week 9	2/3
Week 10	3/4

