

# Bulletin

## Minmi Public School

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Term 2 Week 6 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 7</b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Banking due to long weekend</b>
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	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED – Star Struck</b>
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 1pm
<b>TERM 3</b>	
<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>	
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Presentation Day

## Have you seen these notes?

Dance 2B Fit  
Star Struck

## *Principal's Message*

*'Ask not what your school can do for you, but what you can do for your school'*

This variation on the famous quote was posed by Pasi Sahlberg at the recent Connect Ed Principal's Conference. Pasi Sahlberg is a Finnish educator and author who has worked as a school teacher, teacher educator, researcher and policy advisor in Finland and has studied education systems, analysed

education policies, and advised education reforms around the world. He is a professor of education policy at the Gonski Institute for Education, University of New South Wales in Sydney. He posed this question as a challenge to the mindset of school communities here in Australia based on that same mindset which is prevalent in his native Finland. Pasi asked Principals to consider which part of the quote would relate to the majority of our own school context. This is what came to my mind.

- Teachers who constantly strive to deliver high quality instruction balanced with wellbeing support to a hugely diverse community of students.
- Teachers who take on additional projects to provide a diverse range of opportunities for students knowing full well it will mean donating hours of their own time and sacrificing time with their own children or family.
- Parent coaches who give hours of their own time freely so that our students are fully supported and given the best chance to be successful in sporting competitions.
- Parents who see a need and without a second thought attend to a garden, take photos, volunteer for canteen duty, support students and teachers in classrooms or purchase equipment or resources to donate to the school.
- A parent body committed to facilitating inclusive community events and fundraising to improve our school facilities.
- Parents and teachers who work together positively for the benefit of our students school lives and educational outcomes
- Parents and teachers who are constantly looking for, and sharing, new and innovative ways to contribute to a positive school environment.

- Partnerships with community organisations and charities to develop a sense of service above self
- Those that take the time to show appreciation for those making a contribution
- And the list goes on.....

We are a community that asks 'what can I do for my school' and answers so many times over.

Mrs Bellamy  
Principal (Rel)

## P&C

The next Minmi Public School P&C General Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th June 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.

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## 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

*On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, we went to our first major movement rehearsal for Star Struck 2019. We had to rehearse in the Exhibition Centre first and then the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.*

*We got to watch lots of the other acts.*

*Next week on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June, we are having another major rehearsal and our technical and dress rehearsal. On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> we are doing the real thing!*

*First we had to try out for the Star Struck team. 16 of us made it in to the team. We have had to put lots of effort into learning the dances.*

*Star struck is so much fun, so encourage your kids to try out next year!!*

*By Ella W and Kolbi C*

## Solar Car Challenge

*At Callaghan College Wallsend Campus, we did the Solar Car Challenge. Our team members were Breanna, Elaina, Elizabeth and Drostyn. We had the challenge to work together to build a solar car.*

*During the first week, we soldered the wires to the solar panel and put the wheels on the car.*

*Our task for the second week was to stick the motor, battery pack [just in case there was no sun] and the switch on. Then we put on our solar panel. We also started working on a powerpoint to present on the final week.*

*During the third week, we finished off our powerpoint and soldered all the wires together and tested the cars.*

*The final week was exciting! We presented our powerpoints to our families and then went out to the tennis court to help set up our race track. All the families came down to watch. We started to race our cars. We got to the final round and we came .....*

**SECOND**

*We all had a great time participating in the Solar Car Challenge!*

*By Elaina & Breanna*

## GRIP Leadership

*Grip Leadership was the best thing that has happened so far in Term Two. We went on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It was full of loud people*

and TikTok memes. With so many schools we couldn't walk five steps without meeting someone new! It was in the Civic Theatre which was 20 times the size of a car. It was very grand!

We watched a video about the happiest school in Australia. The students organised massage chairs for the teachers. Mrs Hardy looked very jealous! The team from Grip Leadership taught us to develop ourselves to lead. Then we had morning tea, just outside the theatre in the sun.

In session two, they taught us how to make a difference to our team and making a difference to our school. We also had some more loud noise fun and we got to see a famous singer – Billy Ray Cyrus! It was very entertaining.

In the last session we learnt about making a difference to our society. It was so much fun and we all learnt a lot.

By Elizabeth & Mac

## Year 6 Mural

On Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, we had two awesome graffiti artists, Shane and Faith, come to our school to help our Year 6 students with the Minmi Public School mural. This is our gift to the school. We wanted to leave our mark and say goodbye to our school.

First we started with the basics such as dotting and filling in squares. After that, we went to recess.

With much excitement, we came back to start the mural. We started off by splitting up into two groups. One group went with Shane and the others went with Faith. Faith's group went to do their record art. We had to choose two colours. There were 10 different options to choose from. When we had finished painting our record, the groups swapped over.

Shane's group got to spray the wall. It was mainly the green background. Most of Shane's group was enjoying the time of spray painting on the wall. Others were very cold so they stood in the sun. After a while of spraying the wall, we started doing another surprise for the office. We made a Year 6

2019 painting. All of the Year 6 students put their names on it so everyone can remember the Year 6 students of 2019.

By Drostyn & Ariya



## Story Time with CCWC

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June we were joined by some talented Callaghan College Wallsend Campus students who turned their hand to story time with our K- 2 classes. It was great to see that among the CCWC students was an ex pupil of MPS, Claire Giles. This was a pilot program between our schools but everyone had so much fun we hope to repeat it again later in the year.

## Surprise Instructor Visit!

We had a surprise instructor visit at Drums today! Col Hatchman creator of Drum Corp popped in to see how the Minmi PS drum groups were going, he was pretty impressed. Ninja poses all around!



## 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.

## 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!

## Pet Safety Talks

Pet Safety talks will be presented next Wednesday in the school library with all classes. These talks teach students about keeping themselves and their pets safe in a fun and interactive way. We always have a special furry visitor who makes these talks extra fun.

## School Bus

The school has been in contact with Hunter Valley Buses on the matter of school bus stops within The Outlook estate. Mr John

Meldrum from Hunter Valley Buses contacted State Transit NSW and received the response that while the request was considered it was a lower priority than other requests at this time. John also confirmed that Hunter Valley Buses will continue to support the addition to the school bus route as a priority.

## Fence Construction

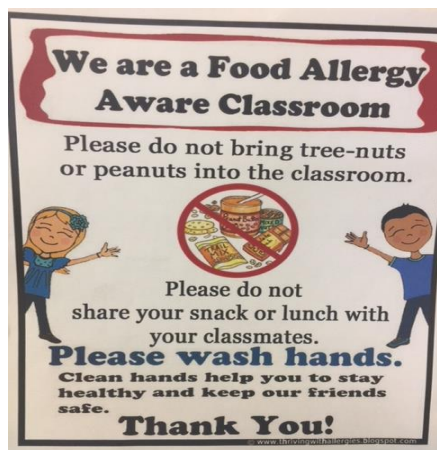
Construction on our Woodford St boundary fence and internal fencing is complete. Staff are in the process of developing protocols around lock out times and access procedures. Please be patient as this is a complex process. When protocols are devised they will be communicated to the whole school community. 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. At a meeting on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May Mrs Bellamy was advised that an intercom/ fob system will be installed at the safety gate at the top of the COLA. The existing gate protocols are still in place. The 'lower' or northern pedestrian gate is to be used for access pre 9am and post 3pm. The 'upper' or southern gate is to be used between 9 am and 3pm so all those who enter the school will present at the office. Please assist us in ensuring students are kept safe with **no pedestrian access through the staff carpark**

## Poor Hamish!

Justine has sent in a sick note for Hamish! Hamish has hurt his back and the vet has recommended a few weeks rest and no jumping in and out of the car. We wish Hamish a speedy recovery and we hope see him and Justine back at MPS soon.

## 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 (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 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!

## 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** **Thursdays 2:30pm**

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

