

Bulletin

Minmi Public School

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Term 2 Week 8 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
Term 2	
Week 8	
17 th – 21 st June	Refugee Week
Thursday 20 th June	School Banking Talk @ Weekly Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	Callaghan Wallsend Transition Soccer Gala Day
Friday 21 st June	MEAL DEAL ORDERS DUE
Week 9	
Wednesday 26 th June	Sports Carnival
Thursday 27 th June 2pm	800m Race
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	
Monday 22 nd July	All Students return
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 19 th 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
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?

Dance 2B Fit
2019 Invoices
Sausage Sizzle Order Forms(Meal Deal) –
Due Friday
Great Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 3
Entertainment Book Fundraiser
Bunnings BBQ Helper

Principal's Message

'It's not if you win or lose but how you play the game'

This quote is an 'oldie but a goodie'! And it doesn't just relate to sports. While being a good sport is a timely reminder just before our Athletics Carnival it is a great reminder for all relationships. It has been a hectic term again at MPS and as we wind down to the end of Term 2, please take the time to talk to your children about respecting each other, the teachers and the school. Following the rules helps everybody win, it makes our school work. Sometimes we might need a reminder about how to make good choices, to play the game the right way. If that happens, someone cares about you enough to want to help you to be better. If that happens, listen carefully and when you know better, do better.

Mrs Bellamy
Principal (Rel)



AWARD GRINNERS Weeks 6 & 7



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.

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

Star Struck has been another huge success this year. What a fantastic performance which truly had 'no limits'! All of the students who participated in the excursion had a great time and were able to pick out our Minmi group which was very exciting. The students who participated in the group were so lucky to have such an amazing experience. What a brilliant example of the depth of talent there is in public education!

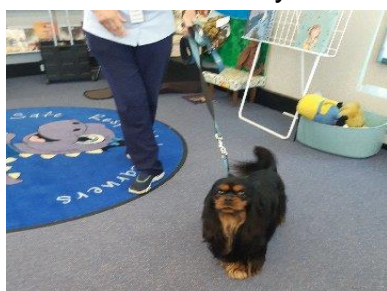
National Refugee Week

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Originally celebrated in 1986, Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day (20 June).

This year has brought a fresh focus to celebrating the three-year theme **#WithRefugees** through 'a world of stories' from around the globe! Refugee Week provides an opportunity for the Australian public to celebrate the immense courage, resilience and valuable contributions made by refugees to Australian society. For many Australians Refugee Week provides an opportunity to meet a refugee for the first time. Storytelling provides a great way to do this. Every refugee seeking safety brings their own story of why they left home, their journey and in some cases finding, safety in Australia. The sharing of stories is an opportunity to not only remember and honour their journey but also to educate the Australian community to better understand the courage and contribution that refugees make. The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) is the peak national body representing over 200 organisations who support refugees and people seeking asylum and coordinates Refugee Week across Australia.

Pet Safety Talks

The K-2 students all had a great time at the Pet Safety Talk. Students learned about how to approach an unknown animal and about asking permission to pat an animal. The students also learned about keeping pets safe at home, in the car and out and about. Everyone was very keen to participate in the role play activities with our little furry friend Bram.



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 20th 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.

Athletics Carnival

Keep wishing for good weather everyone! Weather permitting our Athletics Carnival is set to go ahead on Wednesday 26th June. The wonderful Lion's Club of Elmore Vale will be assisting our Year 6 Fundraising with a BBQ lunch on the day. Please return your orders ASAP! The meal deal consists of a choice of drink (water or soft drink) and sausage on a bun. Order as many as you like! Extra drinks will be on sale on the day. One change that will happen this year is that students will need

to sign up for the 800m race prior to the event and it will be run on the next day Thursday 27th at 2.15pm.

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 5th July from 1pm. Family and friends all welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

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 school is via pedestrian gates only and not via 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 (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.

Earn and Learn Is finishing soon!

We have had a great response so far to the Earn and Learn promotion. Please get your last stickers in to school so we can swap them 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

School Mobile App

The current school mobile app will be decommissioned at the end of June 2019. The school are currently sourcing an alternative and will communicate the changes to the school community when an appropriate app is selected. Thank you for your patience during this transition.



All Welcome

Term 2 Assembly Item Timetable Thursdays 2:30pm

Week 9	800m Race
Week 10	5/6
Term 3	
Week 1	1/2

