Dear Parents and Caregivers

Exciting news!
The school has launched its own app!

At Minto Public School, we are striving to improve our communication with our parents and families. It is with great excitement that we share that our school now has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with you. Thank you to the P&C for supporting this school initiative.

What you need to do...
We are asking parents and caregivers to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name ‘Minto Public School’ in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. When you download the app please make sure that you allow push notifications. This means that any notifications we send through will appear on your phone or iPad. Once the app has been downloaded you will need to choose a category.
* Click on more at the bottom of the screen.
* Click on setup.
* Turn on the class or classes that you wish to be a part of. (Please note, to receive whole school notifications you will need to turn on at least one class.)

This past week you should have received a number of ‘push’ notifications through the app reminding you of the great things that are happening here at Minto PS….

What a wonderful world 2C shared with us at our whole school assembly!

2C performed the song ‘What a Wonderful World’ at our assembly on Monday afternoon using Sign Language. Congratulations 2C on a beautiful performance.

Mini Fair

As you are aware, our Year 6 Mini Fair will be held on Friday 12 December 2014. The fair will begin at 2pm and conclude at 3:25pm. To assist Year 6 in their organisation we are asking for donations for the white elephant stall. Donated items may include: books, games and toys. If you can assist us with any of these items, please bring them in to school and give them to Ms Benotic or send them to 5/6B’s classroom.

Thank you for your support,
From Year 6 and Ms Benotic.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016 are now open. No paper application forms are printed for this process as applications are online only. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement by 17 November 2014.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015. Information booklets to assist with the application process are available from Ms Benotic, upon request.

Calendar

October
29/10 (Wed) School and family disco 5—6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

November
10/11 (Mon) Whole School Assembly
   Led by School Leaders 2.30—3.25
5/11 (Wed) Endicott Cup Stages 2 & 3 3—6pm
6/11 (Thurs) Kinder Orientation 1st visit & Parent Session
13/11 (Thurs) Kinder Orientation 2nd visit
17/11 (Mon) Zone Presentation Night
21/11 (Fri) Indonesian Street School Mufti Day
27/11 (Thurs) P & C Meeting 6pm

End of year dates!
December
2/12 (Tue) Participation Assembly
4/12 (Thur) Presentation Day
10/12 (Wed) Year 6 Farewell
11/12 (Thur) Year 6 McDonald’s breakfast
12/12 (Fri) Mini Fair
16/12 (Tue) Whole school movie day
17/12 (Wed) Last day of Term 4 for students
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Minto PS is currently accepting student enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. This is in preparation for the orientation program to be held early in November. If you have a child who is turning five by 31 July 2015, they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten next year. Enrolment forms are available from the office. If you are aware of a family friend or neighbour who is new to the area or who does not currently have children at our school, and has a child eligible for enrolment in Kindergarten next year, please ask them to telephone the school or come up to the office to give their details.

Academic success

Congratulations to the following students who achieved fantastic results on the University Mathematics competitions held recently.

ICAS Mathematics

Year 2
Tia Rainbow  Participation
Jude D  Participation
Phoebe G  Participation
Emily H  Merit
Sadaat I  Distinction
Talha K  Participation
Arafat K  Participation
John S  Participation
Anoka T  Credit
Julia T  Participation

Year 3
Krystal C  Participation
Shreeya K  Participation
Aryan K  Merit
Sheenalala K  Participation
Shaheel P  Participation
Prapti S  Participation
Dominic S  Participation

Year 4
Sara B  Participation
Nashita C  Credit
Zorian C  Participation
Anthony D  Credit

Year 5
Sean T  Participation
Tania Z  Participation

Gala Day Scores from 12/9/14

Newcombeball Blue
Juniors
Minto vs Glenfield—10 –13 loss
Minto vs Ingleburn—3—19 loss
Minto vs Mac Fields—14—7 win
Minto vs Curran—4—24 loss

Newcombeball White
Seniors
Minto vs Eschol Park—17—5 loss
Minto vs Glenwood—26—10 loss
Minto vs Mac Fields Green—24—1 loss
Minto vs Mac Fields White—22—13 win

Newcombeball White
Juniors
Minto vs Eschol Park—25—7 loss
Minto vs Glenwood—17—15 loss
Minto vs Mac Fields Green—24—7 loss
Minto vs Mac Fields White—13—9 loss

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award.

Bronze
Corey M x 2  5/6B
Julia T  1/2T
James L  4/5G
Tahrima Z  4/5G
Joviah G  1/2T
Mohammad S  1/2T
Ahmed S  1/2T
Leah W x 2  1/2T
Shunehri D  1/2T
Vishaan K  1/2M
Sriyanti P  KH
Kenneth D x 2  1/2T
Iyas B  1/2M
Ankita J  KH
Anthony B  1/2T

Silver
Shynehri D  1/2T
Anthony B  1/2T
Isabel P  5/6B

Halloween Family Disco Reminder

Don’t forget to come to our Halloween family disco and help raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell. Entry is $2 per student. There will be glow sticks on sale at the door for 50 cents each. The canteen will be open sell pre-ordered sausage sizzle items and some yummy treats. Students are able to come dressed in Halloween fancy dress or casual clothes (sensible footwear please). We look forward to seeing you there.
Future Poets are being developed in 5/6B...

5/6B have been learning about poetic devices and have studied a wide variety of different forms of poetry. Students have impressively analysed and discussed a number of pieces of quality literature from poets such as William Wordsworth, Lord Byron and Edgar Allan Poe.

Halloween

Wolves howl to the moon,
Knock, knock on my door,
The door squeaks as it opens,
Trick or treat, we’re here to eat,
Voices shriek at midnight strike,
It’s Halloween where monsters go
Bump in the terrible night
By Aneesa

Beach

In my singlet on the beach
Next to the barbecue with sausages and steak,
Sun, sizzling steak, smells delicious,
In the water on the beach
Waiting for my drink to get cold in the esky.
By Corey

Easter

Boing, boing here comes the rabbit!
Sweet chocolates yummy, yum, yum,
Sparkling, shiny hats all decorated.
Easter eggs all for me.
Delicious crunchy chocolates crunch, crunch, crunch.
The bouncy rabbit with many tremendous treats.
Fantastic, fun rides, round we go!
By Jaya

Halloween

Scare, scare the children away,
Make sure they don’t come back ever again,
Knock, knock trick or treat,
Open the door or I will haunt your dreams.
Ding, dong there’s someone at the door,
Please enter the ground floor.
Ghosts, ghosts everywhere,
Choose a path if you dare.
By Mary

Please enjoy more images from our Asia Day at Minto celebrations!
A little more about the Minto Public School Museum

The purpose of the museum is that of collecting, preserving and promoting items relating to the history of NSW public education and Minto’s history. Admission is free for members of the general public who are wishing to inspect the Museum. Inspection of the museum is by appointment (although the museum is also open to the general public on certain special school occasions). Community groups and school groups are also welcome by appointment. Educational programs for school groups, run by qualified teachers and experienced school staff, can be arranged for a small fee per student.