Dear Parents and Caregivers

Important—Updating student records

The school is in the process of updating our student records. In order for the school to receive the appropriate amount of Government funding all details must be accurate and complete. This is particularly regarding parent educational background and current Australian occupation, if employed. Missing or inaccurate information can affect the school’s funding outcome. The information is required for both parents where applicable. The information is confidential and, when required, no person is identified.

A note went home yesterday requesting you update your details and the form required to do so was attached. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated as it ensures we receive the maximum amount of funding available. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see me. Your updated details are due for return by Thursday 10 April. Please note, if there is no response to this request you will receive a follow up phone call.

Easter Eggs—a special treat

The canteen will be selling Easter egg treats this coming Friday 11 April. This will be this term’s special ‘red day’, in line with our healthy canteen practices. Small eggs will be on sale from 20c.

Sydney Aquarium and Maritime Museum Visit

On Monday 31 April, Kindergarten and Year 1 went to Sydney Aquarium as part of their studies of ‘Under the Sea’. The students had a wonderful time exploring a variety of underwater animals. It was an exciting experience for all as giant sting rays, dugongs and sharks swam above our heads! More excursion news inside...

School holiday security

The number for school security is 1300 880 021. If you notice any unusual activity over the school holidays, please call the above number. Alternatively, you can call Macquarie Fields Police on 9605 0499.

Calendar

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Community of Schools
Sarah Redfern High School news

Sarah Redfern High School would like to congratulate all students who have been involved in the Minto Community of Schools events this term. We are very proud to work with our local primary schools and we look forward to more successful events throughout this year.

On 24 February, we held the MCoS Swimming Carnival. Students from Minto joined in with the High School house group Tszyu. The points they received on the day by competing in races, dressing in the house colour of green and cheering with the high school students went towards the house point total. A fantastic day was had by both students and staff and we look forward to more students joining us next year. Congratulations to all of the students involved and in particular Tia B - 1st in 8 years freestyle, Ashleigh T - 1st in 9 years freestyle and backstroke, Krystal C – 1st in 8/9 year breaststroke, Annabelle J - 1st in 8 years backstroke, Anthony D - 1st in 10 years freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke and Ben S - 1st in 11 years freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke.

Friday 9 May 2014

Stewart House is a non-profit organisation that provides respite accommodation for children. Minto Public School has been an ongoing supporter of this organisation for many years and we have had many students enjoy special time there. We ask that you support Public Education’s ‘Charity of Choice’ in a number of ways and help celebrate Stewart House Day.

We ask that you help us by:
- returning the Stewart House clothing bags by Monday 19 May 2014. (Clothing bags will be going home this week—1 per family.)
- returning the Donation Drive envelope, with a $2 coin on or before Friday 9 May 2014. Note—you will be eligible to go in a draw for a holiday valued at $4,000. (Envelopes will be going home Week 1, Term 2—1 per child.)
- purchasing a high bounce handball for $3. These will be available to purchase in Week 2, Term 2, Monday 5 May—Friday 9 May, during first half lunch, until sold. Be quick—limited supply!

Thank you in anticipation for supporting this worthwhile cause. Mrs Harvey

NAPLAN

This year is the sixth year of the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the national test. The testing dates are Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May 2014 (Term 2, Week 3). Parents of these students will have a note sent home with them early next term. Any questions can be directed to myself or Mrs Benotic, who will be coordinating the tests.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award.

Bronze
- Isabel P 5/6B
- Salil U 1/2T
- Priya S 3/4E
- Abrar N 2C
- Pratik B 1/2M
- Joshua H 4/5G
- Krystal C 3/4E
- Annabel P 1/2M
- Vishann K 1/2M
- Julia T 1/2T
- Chloe D 3/4E

Silver
- Cooper T 1/2M
- Sheenala K 3/4E
- Brody R 3/4E
- Sean T 4/5G
- Krystal C 3/4E
Kindergarten Capers

Last Monday, Kindergarten students went on an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium. Students had a wonderful time and got up close to sharks, stingrays, fish and crabs. They were able to touch starfish, coral and shells in the rock pools. The smiles on the children’s faces were priceless—a very special day to remember! Have a look at our wonderful picture below.

‘Aarrr, me hearties!’
Time to walk the plank, you scurvy dogs!

Last Monday 2C and the Year 2 students from 1/2M and 1/2T went on the adventure of a lifetime sailing the seven seas at Sydney’s Maritime Museum. Students went to pirate school and learnt how to be a real pirate. Year 2 also went on a swashbuckling treasure hunt, facing many dangers along the way. During the treasure hunt through the museum and on a real tall ship, students’ found the hidden treasure. So not to be punished, our trainee pirates promptly handed over the booty to the ship’s Captain, Black Hearted Boris! At the end of our adventures students graduated pirate school and were presented with their pirate’s licence. After an exciting day on the seven seas, students arrived safely back to school and on dry land.

On Wednesday, 2 April, Minto Public School held their annual school athletics carnival. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful day, participating in 100m, 200m and 800m running races, long jump, high jump and the K—2 tabloid activities. I was very impressed with the high rate of participation and great sportsmanship displayed on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Benotic, Mrs Griffiths and Miss Johnson for their organisation of the carnival.

Athletics Carnival
Request for 2013 Annual School Report

The 2013 Annual School Report can be accessed from the school website www.minto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. For families that do not have a computer, please use the slip below.

Student’s name: _____________________________ (oldest child in family) Class: ___________

- o I request a printed copy of the school’s 2013 Annual School Report to be sent home with my child.

- o I request an electronic copy be emailed to the following address.

Email address: ____________________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________________ Date: __________

( Parent / Caregiver)