Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thanks to all our parents
Thank you to our attending parents at yesterday’s ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon. (We had approximately 40 parents present.) We felt the afternoon ran very smoothly and we received some great feedback from you about our information stations and the handouts provided. We hope that the sessions you attended were very informative. If you were unable to attend the afternoon and would like copies of the information provided, please see your child’s class teacher. Please enjoy some of the photographs taken on the afternoon.

Promoting Minto Public School
We are striving to improve our school’s website and make it more informative and interactive, reflecting the fantastic work we do here at Minto. In preparation for uploading photos, samples of student work, newsletters and other items, we need to ensure we have permission for each child for 2014 and beyond. I ask you to please complete the ‘Authority to Publish’ note sent home with every child on Monday 10 February. We are hoping to upload items to our website, from early March, using the information returned on this note. We look forward to improving this area of communication for our families and the community!

Anzac Dawn Service 2014
Minto Public School sends representatives to the Ingleburn RSL’s Anzac Day Dawn Service. This tradition was started in 2011 when students from families who usually attend laid a wreath on behalf of our school and its students and families. We would like to extend the opportunity for other students to also know of this valuable learning experience and to possibly represent our school by laying a wreath as part of the ceremony. I request that any interested students and families come and see me for more details.

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Contacting your child’s teacher via email is easy, just email the school minto-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au making sure you put the teacher’s name in the subject area.

Need to chat with your child’s teacher?
Your child’s teacher is always happy to talk to you. As our teachers are usually on class, it is best to phone ahead or send them an email to make time for a chat.

The best times to phone teachers are before school starts (8.55—9.20am), at lunch (11.25—12.10pm) or after school.
A note from the P&C...

March P&C meeting

To encourage greater participation and to cater for as many families as possible, a survey was sent home requiring parents / carers to indicate the best days and times they are available to attend meetings. We ask that you return this slip to the office as soon as possible. Alternatively, additional surveys are available from the office. A warm invitation is extended to all Minto community members to attend the next P&C meeting to be held Thursday 13 March 2014 at 6.00pm in the library. The meeting concludes at 7.00pm.

Working together in partnership with our parents and families

The P&C engage an auditor to review their financial position on an annual basis. The P&C need to complete an audit for 2013 and I ask if any member of our school community may be able to assist, please come and see me.

Whole School Assembly

Congratulations and well done to the student leaders who capably ran the first whole school assembly yesterday, Monday 24 February. Thank you to our parents and friends who attended. We appreciate your support of our special school activities. The next whole school assembly will be held Monday 10 March 2014 at 2.30pm. 4/5G will be leading the assembly and the Sports House Captains’ badges will be presented. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Other Term 1 assembly dates:
- Monday 24 March 2014 at 2.30pm—led by school leaders
- Monday 7 April 2014 at 2.30pm – led by 1/2M, including a class item

Auditions for Year 7 2015

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

Auditions for Year 7 2015 will be held on 24, 25 and 26 March 2014. Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Circus, Instrumental Music and Vocal are encouraged to apply.

Campbelltown Performing Arts HS is a specialist high school offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Students selected into the school benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives, specialist teachers, modern performance and technical production facilities and a supportive whole school ethos towards promoting excellence in the Performing Arts.

Audition application forms can be obtained by phoning the high school on 4625 1403.

Enjoying learning new skills and being active

As part of our school sport program, Minto Public School will be doing a fundamental skills program for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The program commenced last Friday 21 February and will run throughout the term each Friday morning, weather permitting. Students will rotate through groups to participate in a range of skill-based activities. Students should wear their sports uniform consisting of royal blue shorts (boys) or a royal blue skort (girls) and the striped royal blue, light blue and white polo shirt (with Minto PS emblem), white sports socks and joggers.

K/1J enjoying being active

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award.

**Bronze**
- Tahrima Z 4/5G
- Shruti K 4/5G
- Ali M 4/5G
- Nashita C 4/5G
- Aislinn B 4/5G
- Ethan A 1/2T
- Jake W 2C

**Silver**
- Tahrima Z 4/5G
- Alia T 5/6B
Caring for your child’s health and safety

Head lice
To assist us with dealing with outbreaks, please check your child’s hair regularly for head lice, taking particular note around the ears and under the hair at the nape of the neck. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment with any of the solutions available from the chemist or by using the ‘white conditioner’ method. Please note, siblings will also need to be treated. A second treatment may be required in 7 days. The school will send home notes to the whole class when there is a head lice outbreak. Please let the office or myself know if your child has head lice. You can assist by ensuring that your child’s hair is tied back.

Further information including alternative treatments, is available on the NSW Health website: (http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx).

If you do not have internet access at home, copies of this information is available from the office. I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

School emergency drills
Next Thursday 6 March at 10.45am, Minto PS will be practising our evacuation drill. This is so students and teachers are familiar with the procedures in the event of an emergency occurring. Classes will be revising the procedures for emergencies in readiness for this drill. I ask for your support of these drills by talking about them with your child/ren. The evacuation sound, for students and teachers to leave classrooms, is a continuous blast from the megaphone. It is important for the safety of every member of Minto PS that these procedures are followed in a quiet, orderly and sensible manner. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Walking to and from school
As we are at the start of the new school year, it is a great time to remind students of safe travel to school. I ask for your support to discuss with your child/ren safe walking along the footpaths and safe crossing of the very busy Pembroke and Redfern Roads. I also request that you discuss with your child/ren stranger danger and the safe travel to and from school. In particular, please ensure you enter and exit the school via the pedestrian gate only. For the safety of all students, their families and staff, at no time should the staff car park be used for access. Please also check that you are legally parked. I request that all parents / carers be mindful of parking signs and obey them.

In the interest of promoting school zone safety, we have published below the new brochure of roads and traffic offences, as provided by Campbelltown City Council. Please note, we have been informed by Council that Rangers will patrol local schools and enforce these regulations to encourage responsible behaviour in School Zones.
“JAMES COURT” TENNIS
Michael Mullane 36 years Experience

We will be conducting our 98th Tennis camp to be held 14th – 17th April, 2014 inclusive at Glenquarie Tennis Centre. Fees are $80 for the 4 days which includes a Free Sausage Sizzle on Thursday.

Tennis Coaching- Lessons are conducted 7 days a week at Ingleburn for group and private lessons that cater both beginners and advanced, All Ages. Price - $8 per lessons maximum 4 children in a group. $25 for Private Lessons.

Please call Michael Mullane on 0408 448 618 for an enrolment form.

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Sarah Redfern High School
Open Night
Wednesday 26th February 2014
4:00-7:00pm

Join a tour of the Middle School

The Principal, Mr Karen Endoott, together with Staff and Students invite you to attend the 2014 Sarah Redfern High School Open Night.

Learning empowers each individual to achieve their greatest potential. Sarah Redfern high school is committed to helping students to achieve the highest standards of intellectual and personal development.

Applications for the 2015 Selective Class available on the night

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