Dear Parents and Caregivers

Dancing the afternoon away!
We had an enjoyable time at the School and Family disco held Wednesday 7 May. Everyone danced together, including some teachers, and we had lots of fun! The parents and helpers in the canteen were kept busy selling us yummy food and our families looked like they were happy relaxing, enjoying the music and being together. Thank you for coming along and supporting our Year 6 fundraiser. All money raised will go towards our Year 6 Farewell celebration.

Minto PS runs the distance!
On Thursday 8 May, Minto PS headed out for our annual Cross Country Carnival. Our school was a mass of house colours with students strongly supporting their team mates! It was a pleasure to see such a high rate of participation and students giving it their all. It was also very exciting to see the enthusiasm of Kindergarten in their first race of this type. Congratulations to the first 6 places in the 8/9, 10,11 and 12/13 years age groups, who are invited to represent Minto PS at the Fields Zone Cross Country Carnival to be held this Thursday 22 May.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 went smoothly last week. Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who sat the assessments! We anticipate test results will arrive and be sent home to parents in mid September. Any questions can be directed to Ms Craze.

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Tuesday 20 May 2014
Reforms to the State P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations (the state body of P&C), which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms are not directly related to Minto Public School’s P&C and will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Whole school assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held on Monday 26 May 2014. The assembly will be led by K/1J. The athletics carnival field event ribbons will be presented. Time permitting, the K—2 Cross Country ribbons will also be presented. As well, the bronze and silver awards will be handed out.

Other Term 2 assembly date:
Monday 23 June 2014 at 2.30pm—led by 1/2T, including a class item

Honour Boards

Our school Honour Boards have been updated and are proudly displayed in the foyer of the office. You are more than welcome to come in and view the updated boards that document our school's most recent history of outstanding students.

Merit Award Reminder

When putting merit awards in the box in the foyer of the office, please ensure that they are securely clipped together or in an envelope to help us process them quickly and easily. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

A note from the Minto P&C…

Canteen volunteers urgently required

The canteen, under the management of the P&C and manned by very dedicated volunteers, urgently requires additional parent / carer support. If anyone would like to volunteer their services, please leave your name with the canteen ladies. Your support in keeping our canteen open four days per week is very much appreciated.

P&C Thanks…

The P&C would like to thank our school community for your support with;

- the Year 6 disco canteen and sausage sizzle fundraiser, and
- purchasing Mother’s Day items from our Mother’s Day stall. We hope all mothers and carers had a wonderful Mother’s Day and that you enjoyed the wonderful gifts from your child/ren.

We would like to extend a special ‘thank you’ to Minto Marketplace Woolworths for their kind donation towards the school disco. It was very much appreciated.

Kindergarten Capers

This term students in Kindergarten are learning about the importance of eating healthy. Students have learnt about the five food groups and what type of foods they should eat every day to keep them strong and healthy. This week students learnt about the different types of fruit and they got to eat oranges. The children described their orange using adjectives such as round, juicy, hard, sweet etc. Students wrote sentences to describe an orange.

A big mouthful of orange teeth! Yum!
Some fabulous writing about oranges!
Class Corner Featuring 5/6B
Similes and Metaphors

5/6B have been learning about similes and metaphors to improve their imaginative writing. This is a sample of some of the similes and metaphors that students wrote.

My hair is a ball of wool.

Her eyes are a mirror.
My head was as hot as a kettle.

My eyes are as clear as water.

His home was like a prison.
She had black eyes, like the night sky.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award. A special congratulations to our Gold Award recipient. Your Gold Award represents a number of years of excellent behaviour and hard work. Well done!

Gold
Tahrima Z 4/5G

Silver
Shruti K 4/5G
Sebastian T 1/2M
Aaliyah T 3/4E
Abra N 2C

Bronze
Tahrima Z 4/5G
Raina A 2C
Luca T 3/4E
John S 2C
Ethan A 1/2T
Sebastian T x 2 1/2M
Aaliyah T 3/4E
Anoka T 2C
Liana T 4/5G
Jarrod C 4/5G

Caring for your child’s health and safety

Student safety—travel

We take student safety very seriously at Minto PS, particularly in the way students travel to and from school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and students to please use the pedestrian crossing on Redfern Road when crossing the road and if your child is 10 or under, they should be accompanied by an adult who is holding their hand when crossing. This is for the safety of all students and will also assist motorists when driving near our school. May I also ask for your cooperation to NOT use the staff car park to enter or leave the school.

Tissue Request

Given the imminent cold weather many students will be requiring tissues throughout the day. Any tissue donations to the school would be greatly appreciated. This would assist classrooms to maintain a steady supply through the Winter months. Please send your donations to the ladies in the office. Thank you, much appreciated!

Enjoying gymnastics!
FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi
Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit

Minto Stingers Soccer Club

Minto Stingers are looking for 6 more players for their U/13 Division 3 boys’ team. Boys aged 11 & 12 are eligible to play for the U/13’s. As a special deal, the club will pay half of the rego fee for this season. The team trains Wednesday nights from 5.30 – 6.30pm and plays Saturday games. If you are interested in playing soccer this season, please call Matt Spalding on 0408410697

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)