Elizabeth Macquarie History Writing Competition 2014

A number of students at Minto Public School entered the Elizabeth Macquarie History writing competition. Students could pick from a list of pioneers and other notable Australians and complete a history essay on their person of choice. Four of our students were honoured with awards for their outstanding entries from over 100 entries. Sara B, Alia T and Shruti K were awarded a trophy each for their entries and Jaya S. was awarded a medallion for her entry.

The children were invited to Gledswood Homestead at Catherine Field on Sunday 15 June for an awards ceremony and re-enactment of a European battle between Napoleonic Soldiers and British Redcoats. Two students attended with Mrs Burt to receive their awards. Congratulations girls!

Our Day at Gledswood Homestead

On Sunday 15 June, we were invited to Gledswood Homestead to explore the surroundings and enjoy a re-enactment of the Battle of Quatre Bras as part of the Elizabeth Macquarie History Writing Competition awards ceremony. We saw soldiers marching, visited the old museum and learnt how things were done in colonial times. After enjoying a picnic lunch with our families, we were presented with our awards at a special ceremony and had some photos taken with Mrs Burt.

By Jaya S. and Sara B.

School contributions

At a recent P&C meeting, the P&C members endorsed the voluntary school contributions for 2014. The donations will be used to provide educational resources and equipment for our students. The contribution is $30.00 for one child or $40.00 for two or more children. Your support of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Minto Playgroup

Minto Playgroup, run by the Benevolent Society, was successfully launched in the school hall on 11 June with 14 children and 8 adults attending. The playgroup will run in the hall each Wednesday from 9.30—11.30. All welcome.

Everyone settled very quickly into the planned activities. The baby toys were very popular, as were the puzzles and climbing through the big tunnel. We all joined in and had fun playing with the parachute. It was lovely to see the children sitting together under the parachute giggling happily.

The children played musical instruments and sang along to a number of songs and roared loudly when singing ‘Creeping Like a Tiger’. During story time, everyone sat together and listened to a story about the ‘Wheels on the Bus’. We finished our playgroup session with the ‘Hokey Pokey’.

Margaret

The Benevolent Society

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Kinder Capers
This term Kindergarten students have been learning about farm animals. Students have researched information using factual books and farm animal websites. They have had fun using materials such as wool, paint, paper plates and cotton balls to create farm animals for their classroom wall display. Students are beginning to locate key words in texts and summarise important information for their writing.
Mrs Harris

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26 June 2014
Semester One student reports will be sent home early next week. A note regarding parent/teacher interviews went home last week. Interviews are 10 minutes and provide you with an opportunity to share with your child’s teacher both the academic and general developmental progress of your child. Interview times will be confirmed by class teachers and a return confirmation slip will be sent home. If you are unable to attend the scheduled parent/teacher interview time and you would like to make another time to discuss your child’s progress, please indicate that you would like to be phoned to make a mutually convenient time.

Education Week reminder
Just a reminder that Education Week is from 28 July—1 August, which is early in Term 3. Keep a look out for information on school events planned for this week.

Sporting success
The Sydney South West Cross Country Carnival was held Thursday 12 June 2014. Ashleigh T. represented our zone admirably. Congratulations to Ashleigh for competing well and showing great sportsmanship. Well done!

Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia - A cross curriculum priority of the English K-10 Syllabus
The study of English provides learning opportunities for students to explore and appreciate the rich tradition of texts from and about the people and countries of Asia, including texts written by Asian authors. They develop an understanding of the many languages and diverse Asian cultures and how they have influenced Australian culture. Through their study, students will develop an appreciation of the role Australia has played in Asia and the ongoing relationship Australia has developed with the countries that make up the Asian region.’ - English K-6 Syllabus

We will be devoting Term 3 to the study of Asia. Each class has been allocated an Asian country as a focus of their study. Our countries of focus are Japan, India, China, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines and Vietnam. The students will be reading texts, writing texts and studying many aspects of that culture.

This study will culminate in a day where Asia will be a focus in our school. Students will be presenting what they have learnt or made to the rest of the school and our community.

We hope that we will be able to involve parents in sharing aspects of their culture. We will be looking at dance, cooking, art, craft, language, stories, history and important cultural celebrations.

Please consider sharing your knowledge and skills with our students to develop their understanding of Asia and its importance to Australia. A note will be sent home in the near future for you to consider how you may be able to assist.

1/2T Are Powering On!
1/2T have been learning about energy as part of their ‘Powering On’ Term 2 unit of learning. Their class display is now in the school office foyer. The students explored movement in art and created some wonderful examples of art using straw blowing and marbles. Please come and view their interesting art work which will be displayed until the end of term.
Class Corner featuring 4/5G
This term 4/5G have been learning about rainforest environments around the world. They have been busy making a rainforest environment in their classroom and creating rainforest animals in creative arts.

In literacy, students have been researching rainforests around the world and the people indigenous to these places. Students have been learning how to summarise information texts by highlighting key words and then putting these words into sentences.

Students will consolidate their learning by creating a multi-media presentation about a rainforest environment. They will use the skills learnt in literacy sessions to research and create these presentations.

Whole school assembly
The next whole school assembly will be held on Monday 23 June 2014 at 2.30pm. The assembly will be led by 1/2T. The GRIP student leadership awards will be given out. As well, the bronze and silver awards will be handed out. Everyone is welcome.

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…

Something different for lunch..

From today until the end of Term 2, students will be able to order popcorn chicken pieces (small bag $2.50) and lettuce, mayo and popcorn chicken wraps ($3.50) for lunch from the canteen.

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.

School Photos
School photos were distributed to students last week. We now have a variety of additional photos on display in the school office foyer. These photos include a whole school photo, Year 6 leaders, School Captains and the Year 6 ‘muck up’ photo. If you would like to purchase any of the displayed photos, order forms are available from the office.

School website update—have a browse!
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. We have recently updated and uploaded some new information, newsletters and photo galleries to the website. We look forward to the continued improvement of this area of communication for our families and the community!
Minto Playgroup

Where:  Minto Public School Hall
Pembroke and Redfern Roads, Minto

Day:   Every Wednesday morning
from 9.30 – 11.30am - All Welcome

Come and join a fun playgroup for children 0-5 years and their Parents and Carers.

Please bring some fruit to share and a drink for your child

Have fun playing with:

Playdough   Parachute play
Painting    Puzzles
Craft

For more information about the playgroup please call Margaret on: 46514013

Hockey NSW is back on the road with our 2014 Stick 2 Hockey U12 Development Clinics.

All sessions will be run by a current NSW State Coach and Regional Coaching Coordinator.

In 2013 more than 1,100 U12 players participated in the clinics and this year, we’re visiting even more Associations and hoping to meet even more young players.

The clinics are open to players of all levels born between 2002 and 2004. We’ll provide you a hockey stick if you’re just starting out or for more experienced players, we’ll make sure we put you through your paces and leave with the tools to take your game to the next level.

COST: $53 per player (includes 4% transaction fee)

Every participant leaves with a Hockey NSW Player Pack which includes a drink bottle and bag.

HOW TO REGISTER: www.hockeynsw.com.au