Dear Parents and Caregivers

Education Week—‘Lighting the way to a better world’
Open Day a great success!

On Thursday 31 July, Minto Public School welcomed the school community to share in the learning of their child/ren and the school. This special day was just a glimpse of what we do here every day and every week at Minto Public School. I would like to thank all of the parents and friends who joined us for part or all of Open Day. The staff and myself were very pleased, and the children were excited, to have their family visit and take part in their learning. Thank you again to the whole staff for their hard work and commitment to the school, its students and their families. In particular, thank you to Mrs Burt and the choir for their beautiful songs during the Open Day assembly. Please enjoy the beautiful photos capturing the joy of children sharing their learning.

Promoting Minto Public School
Can you help with our letterbox drop?

As part of our preparations for Kindergarten 2015, including the enrolment process and orientation sessions, we are currently seeking volunteers to assist staff in a letterbox drop of our local area to raise community awareness of our school. If you are able to assist with this letterbox drop, please let Ms Craze know as soon as possible.

Canteen volunteers urgently needed

The P&C are urgently seeking your support in the canteen. Unfortunately, there are simply not enough volunteers to keep the canteen open for four days every week. If there are no new volunteers available to work in the canteen by the next P&C meeting, to be held Thursday 21 August, the canteen will reduce its opening days to 3 days per week only. Please see Ingrid in the canteen for more details about how you can help. Full training is provided.

Calendar

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Whole school assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held on Monday 18 August 2014 at 2.30pm. The assembly will be led by the school leaders. The bronze and silver awards will be handed out. Everyone is welcome.

Other Term 3 assembly dates:
Monday 1 September 2014 at 2.30pm—led by 3/4E, including a class item
Monday 15 September 2014 at 2.30pm—led by school leaders

Your help is needed in our library!

Do you have any spare time on a Wednesday or Thursday? If so, we would greatly appreciate your time to help out in our school library. Our librarian, Mrs Stewart, is able to offer training to interested community members. Please contact Ms Craze or Mrs Stewart if you are available.

Book Fair a huge success!

As part of our Education Week celebrations, parents and students were able to visit the library and purchase books and a variety of novelty items. This year $2535.90 was spent at the Book Fair, raising a total of $699 for the school to spend on books for our library. A big thank you to the community for their generous support and Mrs Stewart for her organisation of this fundraising activity.

An opportunity to dress up…

Book Week 2014

This year we will be holding the Book Week Parade and assembly on Thursday 21 August. Students are invited to come along wearing a costume to represent any book character. The parade and assembly will begin at 9.45am in the hall. We are looking forward to seeing some fabulous costumes and we hope to see you there! Mrs Stewart

School contributions

Thank you to the families that have already paid the voluntary school contribution. We have received a wonderful $1554 so far. Your support is greatly appreciated. Receipts are being sent home as the contribution is processed. 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. Thank you again, each contribution is very much appreciated.

New technology for our classrooms…

iPads

During Education Week Open Day, 5/6B were the lucky first class to use our new school iPads! The iPads were kindly purchased by our P&C from their fundraising efforts. The students confidently used them to complete a spelling activity. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for supplying us with this great learning resource! Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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.
Class Corner featuring 3/4E
What we have been learning, by Krystal

This year 3/4E have been learning about a lot of things. During Term 1, 3/4E learnt about Australians. Then in Term 2, we learnt about the environment and a book called 'The Secret Garden' written by Frances Hodgson Burnett. This term 3/4E are learning about Indonesia and are reading Roald Dahl books. We have also participated in events like Choir, Endicott Cup, Gala Day, Dance2Bfit and Gymnastics.

The best thing about our class, by Sheenala

The best thing about our class is that 3/4E is responsible, generous and helpful. We always listen to our teachers and others. 3/4E is also a quiet class. We always concentrate on our work and help people when they are in need. We share our things and care about others when they are unhappy. We also help Mrs Burt with jobs when she needs assistance.

ICAS University Competition
Science

Congratulations to the following students who entered this year’s ICAS University Competition for Science and received the following results. In particular, congratulations to Nashita and Anthony who both received credits.

Year 3
Sheenala K  Participation
Dominic S  Participation

Year 4
Sara B  Participation
Nashita C  Credit
Anthony D  Credit

Year 5
Sean T  Participation

The Australian Ballet visits Minto

On Tuesday 24 June 2014 the Australian Ballet visited Minto and presented their ‘Out There—The Australian Ballet in Schools Program’. The free movement workshops and the discussion session were delivered by three professional dancers. The program aims to give young Australians the opportunity to participate and value dance as a form of artistic expression, a recreational activity and as entertainment. The students of Minto thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the discussion and demonstration session was just wonderful.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award.

Bronze
Prapti S  3/4E
Ryeea Z  4/5G
Iyas B  1/2M
Ella M  2C
Julia T  1/2T
Shunehri D  1/2T
Priya S  3/4E
Hasan M  1/2M
Amaandeep S  K/1J
Hasan M  1/2M
Priyashna M  K/1J
Rais P  4/5G
Niyant M  KH

Silver
Phoebe G  2C
Salil U  1/2T

Gold
Luca T  3/4E
Joshua H  4/5G