Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations Mrs Griffiths!

In staffing news, a warm congratulations is extended to Mrs Griffiths and her husband who are expecting their first child in late February 2015! Mrs Griffiths will see the 2014 school year out and so end-of-year reports and other special end-of-year activities will continue as planned. Wonderful news!

A celebration of literacy and books!
Book Week 2014

On Thursday 21 August, Minto PS celebrated Book Week with a colourful parade. Thank you to Mrs Stewart for her organisation of this event. Thank you also to the many parents and friends that shared the morning. I hope everyone enjoyed the activities and costumes. Mrs Stewart was very pleased with the high level of participation in all activities. Congratulations to all of the students who won awards for best borrower in their class and best costume in their class! It was fantastic to see so many students and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters. Book Week is always a special time at Minto Public School, it shows how much we value reading and love books.

Some creative and colourful costumes!

Our best borrowers! (above) and K/1J costumes (below)

Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz reading to students!

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A highly entertaining item by 3/4E with their ‘Boomwhackers’!

On Monday 1 September, 3/4E did a fantastic job running our whole school assembly. They performed a musical item with the very unusual, but exciting, ‘boomwhackers’ (tuned percussion tubes). The joy on the children’s faces, when performing, was lovely to see.

The next whole school assembly will be held on Monday 15 September 2014 at 2.30pm. The assembly will be led by the school leaders. The ICAS writing and spelling awards will be given out. The bronze and silver awards will also be handed out. Everyone is welcome.

Monday lunchtimes are becoming exciting!

Each Monday in the hall, Mr Gabriel Newman conducts vocal and music training for interested students. Recently, a parent, Mr Adamakakis has joined the music club. While Mr Newman plays the piano and conducts, Mrs Burt leads the singers and now, Mr Adamakakis plays along using his guitar.

We are excited about this new development in Monday Music Club and would like to extend an invitation to parents and caregivers who play a musical instrument, or who would like to sing, to attend the club in the hall at 11.25am-12.15pm on Mondays.

Playing music and singing are both wonderful ways to celebrate family and community, so we are looking forward to meeting the musicians and singers amongst our families.

Please contact Mrs Burt for further information.

A sporting and leadership initiative—Year 6 PCYC coaching

As part of the Year 6 PCYC coaching sessions, students are required to plan and implement a fitness lesson to younger students. On Friday 19 September (Week 10), Year 6 students will be organising and coordinating fitness activities for K—2 students during sport time on the back playground, under teacher supervision. If you have any further enquiries or concerns please organise a time to see Miss Johnson prior to the day.

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.

Academic success

Congratulations to the following students who achieved fantastic results on the University Computer Skills competition held recently. In particular, congratulations to Nashita C who achieved a distinction in this area.

ICAS Computer Skills Competition participants and results

Year 3
- Shaheel P Participation
- Prapti S Participation
- Dominic S Merit

Year 4
- Sara B Participation
- Nashita C Distinction
- Zorian C Participation
- Charlene K Participation

Year 5
- Sean T Participation

Mr Bryan Doyle MP, patron of the Campbelltown Academic Challenge

Minto Public School’s Campbelltown Academic Challenge team—Rohan, Tania, Siam and Tahrima
Class Corner featuring KH

Students in Kindergarten have been enjoying the ‘Dance To Be Fit’ program held in the hall on Tuesdays. KH and K/1J have been learning a Chinese dance with some traditional dance routines. KH have been studying a unit of work on China and are learning about the Chinese culture such as the flag, religion, food and animals.

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

Canteen news

Due to price increases from our suppliers, there has needed to be some price increases in our school canteen menu. Please refer to the new price list, that was sent home last newsletter, for changes. Additional copies of menu prices are available from the canteen and office. Please note, the price changes took effect from Tuesday 26 August 2014.

Supporting Stewart House

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 times there. Recently you have received a Stewart House clothing bag. We ask that you support Public Education’s ‘Charity of Choice’ by returning the Stewart House clothing bags by Friday 12 September 2014 (please disregard the date on the bags). Please place returned bags to the foyer of the computer lab. Additional bags can be collected from the office. Thank you in anticipation for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Mrs Harvey
Stewart House organiser
www.stewarhouse.org.au for your information

P&C News—Father’s Day Stall

Our Father’s Day stall will be held tomorrow, **Wednesday 3 September 2014**. There are lots of fantastic gifts available to choose from for Dad or Grandfather or an uncle or someone special in your family. Prices range from 50c—$10. Any leftover gifts will be on sale Thursday 4 September and Friday 5 September.
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:
46292000

Tissue Request
Given the cold weather many students
are requiring tissues through 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.

'JAMES COURT'
100TH TENNIS CAMP

Master Coach: Michael Mullane (TPA)
35 Years Experience
COST: $100 for 5 days
22nd - 26th September 2014
9am till 3pm (1.30pm finish Friday)
David Brew Tennis Centre (Cnr Macquarie &
Fields Rd Macquarie Fields) and
Macquarie Fields Swimming Pool on Friday

CAMP INCLUDES:
Commemorative Medallion For every
ChildReports & McDonalds Awards for
every ChildSausage Sizzle, 1 Can
Drink & Lollipop for lunch provided
on Friday!
Trophies for Singles Winners & Most
Improved Boy and GirlSwimming pool
Friday with Pool MonsterPresentation
1PM Friday (Parents Welcome)Outdoor
Water Play Park & Pool Monster at
Pools on Friday

FOR ENROLLMENT FORM PLEASE CALL
MICHAEL 0408 448 618
Numbers are strictly limited so get
in fast!

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A little more about the Minto Public School Museum
The purpose of the museum is that of collecting, preserving and
promoting items relating to the history of NSW public education and
Minto’s history. Admission is free for members of the general public who
are wishing to inspect the Museum. Inspection of the museum is by
appointment (although the museum is also open to the general public
on certain special school occasions). Community groups and school
groups are also welcome by appointment. Educational programs for
school groups, run by qualified teachers and experienced school staff,
can be arranged for a small fee per student.