Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thanks to all our parents

Thank you to our attending parents who came to the ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon last Thursday. (We had approximately 50 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.

Senior students do us proud

Congratulations to Year 5 and 6, and in particular to the eight Endicott Cup team members, for their excellent participation in the recently held first round of the Endicott Cup. The teams were up against the other local primary schools—Campbellfield, Sarah Redfern and The Grange and were being challenged in areas of literacy, including public speaking and spelling. We look forward to the next round which will be held at the end of May.

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 a note or 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.

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.

Calendar

March
11/3 (Wed) Crazy Hair Mufti Day - Cancer Fundraiser
12/3 (Thur) Year 6 Selective High School Test
17/3 (Tues) Macquarie Fields Police Visit - 5/6B & 4/5M
18/3 (Wed) School Photos
19/3 (Thur) Cross Country
19/3 (Thur) P&C Meeting 6:30pm. All welcome.

April
2/4 (Thur) End of Term 1
21/4 (Tue) Start of Term 2 for students
22/4 (Wed) School Anzac Day Ceremony
School car park and bus zone—important safety messages

For the safety of students, their families and staff, please **DO NOT use the staff car park as a pedestrian zone** when dropping off or picking up your children. Similarly, please **DO NOT use the staff car park as a place to make a 3-point turn**. The top entry and exit gate is the only safe way for pedestrians to enter the school (located near the school sign and adjacent to the traffic lights). The car park is only to be used for staff vehicles and department deliveries. It is not for public use. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Also, I request that you ensure you park in the correct parking areas to drop off and pick your child/ren. Do not park in the bus zone (located directly outside the school entry gate). Strict penalties apply for parking in a bus zone (see fines below).

Whole School Assembly

Congratulations and well done to the three student leaders who capably ran the whole school assembly held on Monday 2 March. Thank you to our parents and friends who attended. We appreciate your support of our special school activities. The next whole school assembly led by 3/4T, will be held Monday 16 March 2015 at 2.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Other Term 1 assembly dates:
- Monday 30 March 2015 at 2.30pm - led by 2Z, including a class item

Our students leading the way

On Wednesday 4 March, our school leaders, Siana, Ben, Aislinn, Jayden, Jaya and Tahrima had an amazing time at the GRIP Student Leadership conference with Ms Craze. We learnt how to be a good leader by taking tips from the GRIP leadership team. We also learnt that just because you have a badge doesn’t mean you are a good leader. A great leader finds opportunities to do great things. We used the game ‘scissors, paper, rock’ to understand what makes a good leader. We use paper to create a plan, scissors to take action and rock to help us stay strong. With all of these things combined together we will become great leaders for our school. During question time we asked what GRIP stood for. It stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. We really enjoyed our day, we will remember it forever. By Siana & Tahrima.
Fields Zone Swimming Carnival
Macquarie Fields Pool was the venue for one of Minto Public School’s finest sporting hours. Our representatives swam brilliantly. Tia-Rainbow, the brother and sister combination of Cooper and Ashleigh, Krystal and Ben, burnt down the lanes to qualify for the finals night, last Thursday. Adding to the success, Jayden and Luca were reserves in their respective events. Come finals night, Minto students were basking in the glow of victory after Ashleigh breezed her way to 2nd in the 10 Years 50m Freestyle, 2nd in the Jnr Backstroke, 3rd in the Junior Butterfly and 3rd in the Open 200m Individual Medley! (For those not familiar with the Medley, it is 1 lap of Butterfly, then Breaststroke, then Backstroke, then Freestyle. Wow!-so tiring.) Not to be outdone by his sister, Cooper flashed home to claim 3rd in the 8 Years 50m Freestyle. Tia-Rainbow, Krystal and Ben finished strongly but out of the places in their events. Ashleigh and Cooper will continue on to the Sydney South West Area Swimming Carnival at Bradbury.
Mr McDonald

Anzac Dawn Service 2015
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. This is very important to ensure your child is included as we pass these student details on to the organising committee at the Ingleburn RSL.

‘Meet the Teacher’ - Exploring Technology

5/6B Are exploring English concepts
This term 5/6B are looking at the concepts of characterisation, stereotyping and visual imagery in our English unit - Belonging. We have studied a variety of texts in this unit including ebooks, an animated video and a novel. The children have participated in many thought provoking discussions and activities based around the Rise of the Guardians, How to Train your Dragon, A Cautionary Tale and Wonder.
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.