Dear Parents

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
Also events can be followed on our school website calendar.

Term 4 Events

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NOTES SENT HOME

- Scavenger Hunt Night note & registration form
- Year 6 Farewell Dinner note & Invitation
- Party Day note
- Presentation Night invitation

CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER FUN NIGHT

Our Christmas Night is on this Saturday 22nd November with a Scavenger Hunt, BBQ, games and carols. Mr Griff is hosting the event so it should be lots of fun. The scavenger hunt will take place through Minmi. Let the best team win! I’m hoping it will be mine. There will be Santa photos as well. We have a singing duo, Macliffe, performing our carols this year and songbooks will be available. It will be a fun filled night. Hope to see you all there!

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

What a fabulous trip Years 5 and 6 had on their trip to Canberra the week before last week. The students were exceptional and I believe we have a few future Prime Ministers in our midst.

The tour was extremely educational with students participating in a variety of programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. We visited old (Museum of Australian Democracy) and new Parliament House, the Electoral Education Office, the National Capital Exhibition, the Australian War Memorial, the National Film and Sound Archive, Telstra Tower, The Mint, and the Australian Institute of Sport.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit our National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist us in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed $20, under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (Pacer) program, toward the travel expenses incurred.

I would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

BUSHFIRE EVACUATION SCHOOL MEETING

On Tuesday 2nd December at 3:15 we will be presenting the Minmi Public School evacuation plan to parents and the community in the school library. The children will be catered for in the 5/6 classroom with a movie.
2014 PARENT SURVEYS
We are once again surveying our parents, staff and students for school improvement.
We use the surveys to continually improve our school’s student outcomes as well as plan the future direction for teaching and learning.
Surveys will be available at the office or on the school website. Please take five minutes to fill out a survey and return to the school office.

SWIMMING SCHOOL Yr1-Yr6
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the two weeks of swimming scheme. We have some very tired little people at Minmi Public School at the moment! By having the opportunity to swim every day, all our swimmers have improved their distance, stroke and water skills. After all, being able to swim is a life skill. Well done everyone!

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION
This will take place next Wednesday, 3rd December. Parents are to arrange transport to and from Wallsend campus.

KINDER BUDDY BARBEQUE
The Kinder Buddy BBQ will be held on Thursday 27th November at 5:00pm. The delicious BBQ is complimentary and will include sausages sandwiches for the kids and steaks, fresh salads and bread rolls for the adults. We look forward to the buddies and their families meeting the families of our 2015 Kindergarten students.

STUDENT ELECTIONS
Elections for Captains and Parliament will take place this Thursday, 27th November at 11:30am. Please come along to support our candidates.

LIBRARY MONITORS
Any students, who will be in Year 4 next year, and wish to be a Library monitor in 2015, please see Mrs Bellamy in the Library.

LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED
Please return any Library books that you have at home back to school ASAP.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
The year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held on Thursday 13th December at Club Macquarie, commencing at 6:30 pm. Thank you to all those parents who have helped to ensure that this will be a memorable event.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2014
Our Presentation night will be held on Tuesday 9th December at Wallsend Callaghan College, 6.30pm. The Presentation Night invitation was given out last week.

REPORTS
Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Friday 12th December. I have been delighted, when reading the reports, with the results our children have achieved. Their teachers’ comments are also commendable. Much work has obviously gone into education at Minmi in 2014.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
We are once again applying for funding for our school chaplain. Mrs Williams has been a wonderful asset to our school. If you have any objection about the school chaplain application please contact me.

FRESH EGGS AND VEGIES
Just a reminder that if you would like to donate $5.00 towards our chook feed, you can receive 1 dozen fresh, large, eggs. Please forward your money to the office in an envelope with your name on it. Our vegie patch has some yummy parsley and spinach that needs to be picked. Please send 50c to the office in an envelope with your child’s name. We will send you home a zip locked sandwich bag full for you to enjoy. We have planted some more vegies, including tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicum and basil. We will let you know when our produce is ready for purchase.

VALUES
Minmi Public School is committed to ensuring that its students are equipped with the social skills to help them mature into responsible citizens.

One of the strategies that we use to do this is to explicitly teach the following values. We do this by having a “Value of the Week,” that we refer to both in class and at our after-lunch assemblies. We also reward students for displaying these values throughout the year. Please discuss our “Value of the Week” with your child to help reinforce their understanding.

Minmi’s “Values of the Week” for week 8 and 9 are:

Week 8
Co-operation means working together to get things done.

Week 9
Participation means joining in with others.

Kind Regards
Lyn McAllister
Principal
TERM 4 – Week 5 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Savannah P – outstanding progress in Reading
Adam P – completing all tasks
Giselle P – making a wonderful seahorse

MRS BELLAMY/MS DELFORCE
Lucas W – improved Spelling
Lucas J – excellent Spelling results

MRS CORRIGAN
Kiara R – good manners
Riley M – good Writing

MR SULLIVAN
Xander W & Charli J –
Class 3/4 Tables Champions 2014

HOME READING

BRONZE
Riley CB

SILVER
Riley CB, Leah B, Paris P

GOLD
Riley CB

DOUBLE BRONZE
Lachlan M

DOUBLE SILVER
Kolbi C & Lucas W

DOUBLE GOLD
Ella Wh, Liam W & Lucas W

TERM 4 – Week 6 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Lachlan R – trying hard in Spelling
Savannah P – caring for her environment

MRS BELLAMY/MS DELFORCE
Ella Wa – great job in Swimming groups
Sam R – great effort in Reading Groups

MRS CORRIGAN
Kalamah W, Ella N, Sam M, Thomas L, Hannah B,
Seth A & Cassie W – for being hard workers

MR SULLIVAN
Jack M – for a great year!

MRS MCALLISTER
Tayla H & Savannah V –
Canberra Recount

HOME READING

DOUBLE SILVER
Sophie R

DOUBLE GOLD
Sophie R

AMETHYST
Sophie R

DIAMOND
Sam R, Sophie R & Chlo A
P&C NEWS

Raffle tickets are on sale now for our fabulous Christmas hampers and will be drawn on Party Day 15th December 2014.

Scavenger/ Christmas Night
Our Christmas night is this Saturday. If you haven’t already formed a team, don’t worry just turn up at 3:45pm on Saturday for a 4pm start. We have a fun night planned.

Next P&C meeting - AGM
Tuesday 17 February 2015.

Keep up to date- Like us on Facebook

Cherie Reed
P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS

Sushi: Unfortunately I have been unable to source more of our very popular sushi for the rest of this term. It will however be back in time for the start of next term.

As the end of the year gets closer we will be trying to empty the freezers so some items will become unavailable. I apologise for any inconvenience. I will list items on the Facebook page as they become unavailable. If your child orders an unavailable item, I will ask them to choose an alternative.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Scavenger Hunt and Christmas Night on Saturday.

Lara Wheatley
Canteen Supervisor

UNIFORM SHOP

CAP FOR HAT PROMOTION
Trade your old cap for a new hat for only $10.00

Term 4 is a great time to purchase a new hat ready for 2015.

The current caps will not be allowed to be worn in 2015.

SPECIAL: Return your current school cap to the uniform shop during term 4 and we will exchange it for the new school hat for only $10.00.

Natalie Chamber
Uniform shop

BANKING NEWS

DON’T FORGET BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY!

All banking tokens need to be redeemed by Wednesday 10th December 2014 to be received for this year. Any orders placed after this date won’t be available to Term 1 next year.

Get your banking in for great rewards!

If anyone has any questions about banking at Minmi PS please call me on my mobile: 0404 453794.

Dorothy Thomas
Banking Co-ordinator