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

MURROOK CULTURAL EXCURSION

This Monday, students in Kinder to Year 4, participated in an Aboriginal cultural day at Murrook.

Students were placed in groups as they were guided through many activities including; dancing, painting, boomerang throwing, Aboriginal language and Aboriginal artefacts. Thankyou to Ms Delforce for again organising such a wonderful day for our kids.

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Mrs McAllister’s phone call today was from Questacon. She said that the Year 5/6 class were all having a great time and that the students’ behaviour has been exceptional.

We are looking forward to hearing lots of stories about their adventures in Canberra.

Mrs McAllister will call the first parent on the phone list from McDonald’s on their rest break this afternoon, so the estimated time of arrival can be passed along the phone chain.

Year 5/6 at Questacon today
SWIMMING SCHOOL Yr1-Yr6
Swim School commences this Monday 10th November to Friday 21st November. The bus will leave school after recess and return at 1pm in time for lunch.

All students will need:
- To bring your swimmers DO NOT WEAR THEM
- Your child’s name on everything
- Two towels, one for pool and one for changing
- A plastic bag for wet swimmers
- A hat and sunscreen

All swimming gear is to be in a separate swimming bag to take with them to the pool.

GRANDFRIEND’S DAY
On the 24th October we were lucky to have our Grandfriends visit us at school. It was lovely to see everyone sharing a sausage sizzle lunch and a slushie together around the playground. Thankyou to all our volunteers who made our day so special.

Thankyou Grandfriends for coming to see us, for joining us for Assembly and for listening to our lovely choirs.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

KINDERGARTEN 2015
We are Looking forward to seeing our 2015 Kindies again next week, Wednesday 12th November, from 11.45am till 1.15pm. The Year 6 buddies are very excited to meet the Kindies. The children will have lunch with their Year 6 buddies while parents have a cuppa in the school Library.

FRESH EGGS AND VEGETABLES
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.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2014
This year our Presentation night will be held on Tuesday 9th December Wallsend Callaghan College at 6.30pm. Thank you to everyone for returning your trophy from last year.

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 5 and 6 are:

Week 5
Integrity means to be honest, truthful and fair, even when it is hard to be those things.

Week 6
Responsibility means doing what you have to do even if, sometimes, you don’t want to.

Kind Regards
Lyn McAllister
Principal
TERM 4 – Week 3 – 2014

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Vincent S, Lucas J & Dylan J - Democracy

MRS BRADSHAW
Abigail B – consistently completing quality work
Hayley L – consistent effort

MRS BELLAMY/MS DELFORCE
Luke C – great Writing

MRS CORRIGAN
Jordan H – great basketball skills
Jake G – for enjoying speaking in front of the class

MR SULLIVAN
Wyatt W & Kimberley H – Sportsmanship

MRS MCALLISTER

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

CERTIFICATE 4
Liam W

HOME READING

DOUBLE GOLD
Olivia S

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

RED
Isabelle S

GOLD
Ruby H

TERM 4 – Week 4 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Jacqueline M & Dominic P – Great sentence writing

MRS BELLAMY/MS DELFORCE
Georgia S & Eve N – Consistent effort in Reading Groups

MRS CORRIGAN
Kalarnah W & Hannah B – for making a great effort with “Halloween” speeches
Seth A – lovely listening skills while Robina from Uganda was here

MR SULLIVAN
Rory H & Caerwyn B – Excellent LEGO skills

HOME READING

SILVER
Clare G

DOUBLE BRONZE
Dylan J
RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

RED
Jye H

BLUE
Eve N

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated items to go towards our hamper day on Thursday. We received a great selection of gifts.

Once we put the hampers together we will start selling raffle tickets, ready for the draw on the Christmas night – 22nd November.

Scavenger/ Christmas Night
Our Christmas night is fast approaching. There is lots of behind the scene organising happening at the moment. We are fine tuning times and notes will be sent home next week.
We have a fun night planned.

Next P&C meeting
Wednesday 19th November, 2014

Keep up to date- Like us on Facebook

Cherie Reed
P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS

Grandfriend’s Day
Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who gave up their time to help serve on the barbecue and in the canteen on the grandfriend’s day.

Phil and Matthew did a wonderful job cooking the sausages, Cherie and Christine did an amazing job of making sure everyone received their order. The canteen ran very smoothly with the sensational effort put in by Jo, Erin, Kylie, Peta and Claire. It was fantastic to see so many people helping to share the load. You are all amazing!

Thank you to all our patient customers who had to wait while we ironed out some issues with the slushie machine. This was our first day using the machine and we have now changed how we manage the machine and hope to not encounter the same issues in the future.

I would also like to thank the families who donated cakes and slices on the day enabling us to help make the Grandfriends feel welcome and appreciated.

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.

2015 Kinders: Your uniforms will be ready for collection on your next orientation on Wednesday 12th November.

Natalie Chamber
Uniform shop

BANKING NEWS

DON’T FORGET BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY!
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