Dear Parents

FOR YOUR DIARY

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Term 1 Events
- 5th March NAPLAN parent talk
- 6th March School Council
- 13th March Parent Information session- Literacy
- 17th March Year 6 parent meeting
- 19th March Interrelate
- 25th March Life Education

NOTES SENT HOME
- GATS and CAPA application note
- A BIG thank you note
- Garden Produce for sale note
- Year 6 Canberra Note
- NAPLAN parent talk note
- PARENT INFORMATION SESSION EOI

YEAR 6 INFORMATION
- Year 6 parent meeting – Monday 17th March
- GATS and CAPA applications available from school office

INTERRELATE
On Wednesday 19th March Minmi Public School are hosting an Interrelate presentation.
Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters.
The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A range of books on sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.
Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
6:00pm – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females.
Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
7:15pm – Years 5 & 6

This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. If you need a new note please come to the office.

CRITICAL SAFETY ISSUES

SAFETY ISSUES
An important to parents regarding some safety issues around our school:
Students arriving to school late MUST be accompanied by a parent to the school office where a late note will be issued. Students must not be dropped off at the gate as unsupervised students may be at risk. (stranger danger!!)

Students must enter and leave the school via the gate near the Kindergarten and Year 1 rooms. This is a safety issue. Some teachers drive large vehicles which may have limited visibility when reversing. Children are NEVER allowed in or near the staff car park and parents are asked NOT to use it as a drop off or pick up point.

Dave Porter, our crossing supervisor, has been quite irritated by the few parents who are still insisting on leaving that way as it causes him to try to watch two directions. Please be considerate of your child, and other children’s, safety.

Please use our pedestrian crossing even when you are not accompanying children to and from school. This sets the correct example for our students to follow.

Please obey road rules. Police regularly patrol the roads around our school. Parents have been fined for illegally parking and making U-Turns over double yellow lines.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION EOI
Could you please return this note by Friday so that we can begin to plan our session on the 13th March. We only have four forms returned at the moment.

Child minding will be available if requested.
THANK YOU TO KEVIN BULLEN
If you have strolled through the bush tucker garden recently you will notice a new sign that welcomes you to our bush tucker garden. It gave me a lovely surprise when I came in during the holidays and it was all the doing of Mr Kevin Bullen, one of Minmi’s schools great friends. It adds a lovely touch. Thank you Kevin.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
Volunteers working in our schools now have to undertake a proof of identity check and sign a Working with Children declaration. This is a requirement of the Department Of Education. Please come to the office to fill out the paperwork.

TRANSPORTING CHILDREN
For parents who transport our children to various school related events please see the office to update your information.

MEGA NOTE
Thank you so much for your very prompt returns of the meganote. We just have a few left to receive.

2014 SWIMMING TRIALS

Congratulations to all our swimmers who were proud participants on the day and BIG congratulations to Phillip for a well-deserved win. One point divided the teams!

NEW SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
We have a new school counsellor this year. Julie Crosby will be here every second Thursday to work with teachers, students and parents. We warmly welcome Julie to our school team.

ATTENDANCE: IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
We have started 2013 in a very positive way. Students are arriving at school on time and that’s just the way we want it. Being at school is vital to enable us to give your child a quality education.

If your child is absent for any reason we require a verbal or written explanation for their absence. Records of absences are kept by the school as a legal requirement. Please help our office staff by providing an explanation for your child’s absence promptly, following their return to school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book club brochures have been handed out. If you wish to order, please send your order and money to the office by Monday 3rd March.

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 weeks 3 and 4 are:

Week 4
Fairness means allowing people to be part of a game or a decision and understanding that everyone has the right to have a go.

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

WINTER OLYMPICS AT MPS
Class Awards

TERM 1 – Week 2 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Chloe A & Brooke L – Being kind and caring to others

MS DELFORCE/MRS BELLAMY
Leah B, Ella W & Drostyn R – Great start at your new school

MRS CORRIGAN
Jack H – working hard in Spelling groups to fix up his mistakes
Dean P – excellence in Maths work on 2 & 3 digit numbers

MR SULLIVAN
Charli J & Joshua R – An excellent start to 2014

MRS McALLISTER
Sarah C & Meagan N – Spelling champions

PREMIERES READING CHALLENGE

CERTIFICATE 1
Charli J & Casey B

TERM 1 – Week 3 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Alex J & Abigail B – quality work

MS DELFORCE/MRS BELLAMY
Lucas W & Breanna B – trying hard in reading groups

MRS CORRIGAN
Kalarnah W & Chantelle WB – a great start to Reading Groups

MR SULLIVAN
Clare G & Mia M – presenting high quality work

MRS MCALLISTER
Savanna V & Max R – effort in Writing

PREMIERES READING CHALLENGE

CERTIFICATE 1

CERTIFICATE 2
Kynon B, Breanna B, Charli J & Caerwyn B

CERTIFICATE 3
Kynon B & Caerwyn B

P&C NEWS
Last night was our AGM at the school and we now have a few new faces on our team
Congratulations to everyone, we are going to have a great year.

PRESIDENT Cherie Reed
TREASURER Lisa Low
SECRETARY Kylie Bardetta
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR Lara Wheatley
Our fundraising goal this year is to contribute to the school in buying iPad’s and laptops, something the school is in need of and blinds for the cola, especially for the cold rainy winter months. We have lots of great ideas this year including fundraising ideas, secret hands on mother’s day gifts that the kids will make, and a lot more. We will have a meeting once a term on a Monday morning at 9am for anyone who would like to suggest fundraising ideas, date will be in the Bulletin when it’s a little closer.

Coming up in Term 1
12th March- $5.00 Morning tea Milkshakes and Pikelets
14th March- Picture plate drawing $25.00 Display is in the office.

Open to anyone who would love a keepsake, younger or older siblings, not at the school, are welcome to join in. Hopefully another ladies night but on a larger scale, we are going to get in while the weather is warm.

Recipe books — Are selling fast we are into our last box. There is a sample in the office if you would like to check it out.

We have a few pre ordered books in the office, so if pre ordered and haven’t received them please see the office.

Books are $15.00
Can Sell out 50c – We are having a soft drink can sale, we have quite a lot of drinks left over from our Christmas night so we are passing them onto you.

All cans are 50c each.

Feel free to come to the canteen on Monday or Fridays 8.30-9.30am or 12-1pm and choose what you would like.

Section 1.01 Or if you prefer a mixed bag and cannot make it in we can send them home with the kids.

Keep up to date- Like us on Facebook

Next P&C meeting
Wednesday 19th March 3.20pm

Cherie Reed
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP
Our supplier has run low on size 8 girls skorts. They will be available mid April. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Opening hours: Thursdays 8.30am till 9.15am, outside the Year 1 classroom.

Thanks
Natalie Chambers
Uniform Coordinator
### CENTRE STAGE PERFORMING ARTS

Maryland Hall Mondays & Tuesdays  
Dance, Drama and Singing classes from $8.00!  
First Class is FREE! Ages 2.5 - 18 years!  
[www.centrestageperformingarts.com](http://www.centrestageperformingarts.com)

### MINMI WANDERERS SOCCER CLUB

**2014 REGISTRATIONS**

Register and pay on line at:  

For more information contact  
Stephen Zok  
0419 912988

### STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Win a CommBank Marque for your school and $500 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of three school banking deposits in Term 1, will be in the running to win one of two $50 credits into their School Banking account.

For more information, visit [CommBank School Banking website](http://www.bank.com.au/sb).

### THE SIMPLEST WAY

To make a healthy brekky!

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day, but did you know that many Aussie families skip it?

A healthy brekky improves energy levels, alertness and concentration, plus it’s an easy way to throw in an extra serve of fruit & veg.

Here are some quick brekky ideas:

- Sliced bananas or avocado on toast
- Add chopped veges to an omelette or savoury pancake
- Create a warm porridge or cereal with canned or fresh fruit
- Top a wholesome muffin or toast with cooked tomato, mushrooms, baked beans or creamed corn

For more information visit [cancer.org.au/nutrition](http://www.cancer.org.au/nutrition)

### ENROL NOW FOR 2014

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Cameron Park Community OOSH 2014

**OOSH Blurb**
Cameron Park Community OOSH encourages all families to drop into the centre to take a look and pick up an enrolment form to book your children in for a fun filled time for before and after school.

**Where will it be?**
We will operate from the Cameron Park Community Centre.
(107 Northlakes Drive, Cameron Park)

**What times will we open?**
Before School: 6:30am – 9:00am
After School: 3:00pm – 6:30pm
Vacation Care: 6:30am – 6:00pm

**Who can attend?**
All primary school aged children are welcome. We will be offering a drop off and collection service for children that attend Edgeworth, Edgeworth Heights, Barnsley, St Benedict’s, Minni and Maryland Public Schools.

**How much will it cost?**
Before School: $13.00
After School: $17.00
Vacation Care: $45.00
(Child Care Benefit can also be claimed by all families. Excursions are included in daily fee)

**Breakfast & Afternoon Tea**
A healthy nutritional breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided each day as well as a Homework Centre for children to have first-hand tutorial with homework tasks.

**What activities will be offered?**
There will be a range of recreational, cultural and educational activities such as:
- Sport – Indoor & Outdoor
- Art
- Craft
- Homework centre
- Drama / Dance
- Cooking
- Music
- Games
- Incursions / Excursions
- Wii and X Box

Enquiries and Bookings
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