Dear Parents

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

Term 2 Events

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NOTES SENT HOME

- Debating Challenge
- Lollipops (P&C)

YEAR 6 INFORMATION

There are still some outstanding Expressions Of Interest for high school 2015 that need to be returned.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Newcastle School Portraits have taken all the student’s photos this week. Anyone who did not submit an envelope on photo day, but would like to order a photo of their child, can go onto www.newcastleschoolportraits.com and put (Shoot Code: 142094) to select the photo you would like to order.

DANCE 2B FIT

Dance 2B Fit Lessons has commenced and will run for eight weeks. Cost of the program will be $3.50 per week OR $25.00. Thank you to everyone who has paid.

WONDERFUL WOMENS’ WEDNESDAY

Thank you to the wonderful women who came to our fun filled Wednesday afternoon celebration for Mother’s Day. You were great sports and the students loved hosting you for the afternoon. Thank you also for your generous supply of goodies for afternoon tea.
THE CHOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!
A little bit of country has arrived at Minmi thanks to our fabulous P and C. Please send in your egg cartons so we can collect our home grown eggs.

NETBALL KNOCKOUT
Our school netball team played Beresfield Public School last Wednesday. The girls played very well and we had a WIN! Our next game will be against Wallsend South on Tuesday 27th May at 12:30pm. Permission notes will be sent home soon. Parent transport will be needed.

Lesley Comerford
(Netball Co-ordinator)

BLUE GUM HILLS
On Wednesday 28th May (dependent on weather) Year 3 from 2/3, 3/4 and 5/6 will be attending Blue Gum Hills for a tree planting and environmental discovery activities day. Notes home soon.

DOCTOR JASON GERES
We have a special guest visiting our school on Monday 16th June at 10am to deliver a WORKSHOP on ‘THREE GOOD REASONS TO HAVE GOOD POSTURE’ to our students. Dr Jason is the founder and director of Biomax Chiropractic Wellness Centres in Warners Bay and Hamilton. His focus is on preventative health without drugs or surgery. Parents are most welcome to attend this informative and entertaining presentation recommended by our school counsellor Julie Crosby.

DEBATING
We have formed our debating teams for 2014. There are two mixed teams of year 5 and 6 this year. The first team are called Minmi Magic – Isabelle, Megan, Griffyn, Sarah, Connie and Jada. The second team are Minmi Megaminds – Tayla, Savanna, Mikayla, Mia, Max and Anthony. The teams will have their first practise debate tomorrow. Our first Premiers Debating Challenge will be held on Tuesday next week in East Maitland. We are in need of a parent to transport the children to East Maitland on Tuesday morning and return them to school around midday. If you are able to assist, please see Mrs Bradshaw. Good Luck to both teams.

COOK AND PHILLIP DAY
Year 6 are once again hosting Cook and Phillip Day, next Wednesday, 4th June, with the help of their dedicated parents. The day will begin at 10.30am with the traditional March Past. Students in Cook should wear their red sports shirts and students in Phillip should wear their blue school shirts.
Program for the Day (times are approximate)
10:30 - March Past
10:40 - Ball Games
11:00 - Recess
11:20 - 200m & Age Races
1:00 - Lunch
1:40 - Relays & 800m
2:30 - Presentation – Under School COLA

If you are able to donate cakes or slices for morning tea Year 6 would greatly appreciate it. We would like to invite all our parents and friends along for a great day.

K-2 students will participate in their age races and support the other students.

An alternative Novelty Events Carnival afternoon for K-2 is being organised by Mrs Corrigan and Mrs Bradshaw for Wednesday the 11th June, between 2:00 and 3:00pm.

APPLICATION FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN YEAR 5 IN 2014

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2014 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally, students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice.

Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications opened on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form which will be available from school.

Application forms, whether submitted online or lodged with the principal, should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014.

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 4 and 5:

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.

Regards
Lyn McAllister
Principal

Class Awards

TERM 2 – Week 1 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Wil GB – improvement in Writing
Lachlan M – improvement in Reading

MS DELFORC/MRS BELLAMY
Lucas W – great news in Week 1

MRS CORRIGAN
Deklen A – great sportsmanship
Fletcher M & Dylan J – effort in Writing

MR SULLIVAN
Casey B & Caerwyn B – a well written Information Report

MRS MCALLISTER
Max R, Ruby H, Tayla H – winning Poetry entrants

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

CERTIFICATE 1
Sophie B, Jordan H, Victoria OE, Gemma F & Clare G
CERTIFICATE 2  
Liam W, Jordan H, Jack H, Victoria OE, Cinta R,  
Ella D, Jack M, Max C, Tayla H & Alex J

CERTIFICATE 3  
Pia B, Deklen A, Jordan H, Riley M, Jack H,  
Victoria OE, Ella d, Cinta R, Jack M, Alex W,  
Meagan N, Tom H, Mia M, Jacqui M,  
Alexander W, Alex J, Giselle P & Dominic P

CERTIFICATE 4  
Lucas W, Dylan J, Sam M, Riley M, Wil M,  
Jordan H, Victoria OE, Chloe M, Darcy V, Alex W,  
Cinta R, Savannah V, Meagan N, Tom H,  
Alexander W, Kolbi C, Giselle P & Dominic P

HOME READING

BRONZE  
Ella W, Lucas W, Cassie W, Dylan J, Chloe M,  
Connie T, Sophie R & Alex J

SILVER  
Pia B, Ella W, Kynon B, Lucas J, Liam W, Ella N,  
Caerwyn B, Charli J, Giselle P & Dominic P

GOLD  
Caerwyn B

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

BLUE  
Tom H

BRONZE  
Tayla H

MS DELFORCE/MRS BELLAMY  
Ella W – great effort in Reading Groups  
Drostyn R – great effort in Reading Groups

MRS CORRIGAN  
Kiara R – effort in Art and Craft  
Hannah B - effort in Art and Craft  
Jake G - effort in Art and Craft

MR SULLIVAN  
Paris P – displaying excellent listening skills  
Xander W – displaying excellent skills

MRS MCALLISTER  
Aiden S – improvement in writing  
Abby S – improvement in writing  
Chloe B – improvement in writing  
Griffyn S – improvement in writing

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

CERTIFICATE 1  
Eve N, Georgie S,

CERTIFICATE 2  
Abigail B, Chloe A, Eve N, Drostyn R,

CERTIFICATE 3  
Chloe A, Sam R, Ella W,

CERTIFICATE 4  
Sam R, Ella W, Jack M,

HOME READING

BRONZE  
Mac S, Taylah M, Paris P, Alex W, Connie T

SILVER  
Olivia S, Alex J, Lucas L, Ella W, Eve N,  
Breanna B

GOLD  
Lucas J, Kyron B

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

BLUE
Minmi Wanderers

The under 8’s Minmi Soccer team are really showing the opposing teams what they are made of. They have won their first two games so far. Well done!!

P&C NEWS

Our chickens have arrived yipppeee, the kids are loving them.
Thank you to West Wallsend Farm Produce & Saddlery who gave us a great deal to set up the coop.
Don’t forget if you send in a $5.00 donation, in an envelope with your name clearly marked we will put you on the egg list.
When we have a dozen eggs we will send them home to you.
All donations will go towards feed for the chickens.

Mother’s Day

We hope you all had a great Mother’s Day and loved the gifts the children made for you. They had a ball putting them together.
We have had nothing but positive feedback on the idea and a few requests for the recipes.
I have put a link on the Facebook page of the recipes we used.
Donna.A.

Lollipops - Friday May 16th 6.30-8.30

We are going to have a great night tomorrow night please come along and support the school
We haven’t reached the 50 mark but Lollipops Playland have allowed us to still hold the night.
Come along and support the centre by purchasing dinner.
Turn up on the night and pay if you missed sending money in
Raffle and lucky door prizes on the night

P&C Position Vacant - Secretary

Unfortunately Kylie is leaving our school this week, I would like to say thank you for all your hard work with this position and the school banking.
We are looking for someone to fill this unpaid position.
Requirements are

- The Secretary is required to attend every Association meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm, of the discussions in order to produce a set of minutes for subsequent distribution to members.
- Change the school notice board once a fortnight
- The Secretary is also asked to receive and table all incoming correspondence (Mail), and write and send all outgoing correspondence

If you are interested please give me a call on 0423967854

$5.00 Day – Wednesday 28th May

Our popular $5.00 day is here this time we are going Mexican.
We will be serving Nacho’s, Drink and ice block.

You will be able to choose from Beef or (Vegetarian) Bean, and the children will then put their own toppings on including sour cream, tomato and lettuce
Drinks will be a choice of a can of LOL or water and to top it off a Fruit Stack ice block.
Notes will be sent home tomorrow, please return your orders by Friday 23rd we will not be able to accept orders after this date.

Keep up to date- Like us on Facebook

Next P&C meeting is changed only for this month please take note of new time and date
Wednesday 28th May at 4.30pm

Cherie Reed
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP

The size 8 girls skorts and the vests for winter have arrived.

We have ordered a size range for now so we will have them in stock for you to try on your child.
Once these sizes have been sold you will have to place an order and they will be ordered on request.
They should arrive by the end of next week. As the embroidery cost has gone up, I have to increase the price of the vest to $20.00. So in the next week or so there will be a price rise on some other items we stock. So get in now, before the price rise, to get your winter uniform. Remember a long sleeve white t-shirt may be worn under your school shirt on those cooler days for extra warmth.
The uniform shop is open every Thursday morning from 8.30-9.15am and is located on the veranda outside the year 1 classroom.
Thank you
Natalie Chambers

CANTEEN NEWS
Just a few little FYI points to try and clear up any confusion.

Recess orders: Now we have recess options everyday. To order please place your order into the order box outside the canteen and we will deliver the recess order to the classroom before recess. Recesses are placed in blue esky’s outside your child’s classroom.

Lunches: Lunch is available on Monday and Friday, the only exception is the potato boats which are only available on Mondays.

Milos: The menu has milo listed as only available on Monday but following a lot of requests from the children Milos are now available Monday and Friday.

Throat Lozenges: Coming into winter we all know our children can wake up with niggly little sore throats, the canteen now has small packs of throat lozenges in Butter menthol and Eucalyptus, the cost is 60c each. Please order in the morning through the order box.

Milks: We are still negotiating with suppliers about milk. These are still not available from the canteen at this stage. Any orders with milk will have the money returned and children are welcome to come back at lunch and buy a juice or water.

Potato boats: Potato boats are potato skins. Imagine a potato that has been cut in half and hollowed out. We bake them until crispy and then fill them as per requests and sprinkle with cheese and bake again until the cheese is browned.

Canteen Supervisor
Lara Wheatley

For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits every Wednesday at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major Prize.
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up Prizes.
130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

PLUS, a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

So come on Minni let’s get saving and remember your deposit can be as little as twenty cents just as long as you make 3 deposits!

Happy Banking

Kylie Bardetta
Banking Co-ordinator

BANKING NEWS
DON’T FORGET BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY!
**UNIVERSAL TAE KWON DO ACADEMY**

**GLENDORE PUBLIC SCHOOL**
Maryland Drive Maryland
Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm

**FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL**
76 Floraville Rd, Floraville
Mondays 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Come and have fun learning the most advanced techniques in martial arts and sport Tae Kwon Do (as seen in the Olympics).

We are a STA accredited academy with completely qualified instructors.

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The Hard Target Program

*Developing effective ways to respond to bullying behaviour*

The Hard Target program works with children, between the ages of 9 and 12 years of age, and their parents to develop more effective ways of responding to bullying behaviour. In addition, children will learn how to manage their own emotional response, develop an understanding of a typical bullying relationship and challenge myths associated with of being a “victim” of bullying behaviour. (The program uses the term target rather than victim.)

Parents will be encouraged to help their children put strategies offered into place and have an opportunity to understand their own emotional reactions to their child having been targeted. The group experience will also be valuable in providing a supportive network.

**Assessment**

Each child will be asked to attend an assessment appointment with one of their parents (prior to the commencement of the program). This is to determine whether the program is a suitable match to their needs. The assessment will take approximately 1.5 hours and during that time the child will be asked to complete an assessment questionnaire.

**The Program**

The Hard Target Program will commence on the 30th May 2014. It will be run at The University Psychology Clinic for five consecutive Fridays and then break for four Fridays before the final or consolidation session. Each session runs from 3:30-5pm. Some work will be undertaken with children and parents together. There will also be work done with parents forming one group while children comprise another.

The program will include but not be limited to the following topics:

- Confidence and assertiveness skills
- Unwritten rules of friendship
- Practical strategies (ignoring, geographical options, humour and use of unpredicted behaviours)
- Communicating with schools
- Understanding the power dynamics and dominance - humiliation
- Understanding your own emotional reactions and managing them

**Cost**

The initial assessment cost is $25 ($15 if health care card) with the remainder of the group costing $60, which covers the sessions and any materials needed.

If you need any further information about the program or would like to make a referral please contact The University Psychology Clinic on 49215075.