Dear Parents

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

Term 2 Events

7th May Wonderful Women’s Wednesday
8th May School photos
13/14/15 May NAPLAN

NOTES SENT HOME

| Dance 2BFit |
| Lollipops |
| Canteen pricelist |
| Flag drawing competition |
| Anzac excursion |

YEAR 6 INFORMATION

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

ANZAC

Our captains proudly represented Minmi Public School at the dawn service on Friday. Despite the miserable conditions the children were a credit to our school.

Yesterday Minmi Public School held their Anzac Day Ceremony. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the sacrifices that our servicemen and women have made for us. They have helped to ensure we have the freedom that our country enjoys today. Thank you to the special guests for attending our Ceremony, our parents for joining us, our school leaders for running the service so beautifully, our P&C for the lovely morning tea and Mrs Corrigan for her organisation.

Today, years 3,4,5 and 6 visited Marylands Public School to see a very extensive ANZAC memorabilia display. There were also exhibits form the Boar, WW1,WW2 and the Korean war. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands on experience of dressing in army uniform, complete with gas mask!
DANCE 2B FIT
Dance 2B Fit Lessons will commence on Friday and run for eight weeks. Cost of the program will be $3.50 per week OR $25.00 paid by Thursday 3rd May.

ANZAC CEREMONY
In Week 3, Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy.

Tuesday 13th May – Language Convention Test and a separate Writing Test.

Wednesday 14th May - Reading Test

Thursday 15th May - Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Chance and Data, Measurement and Space)

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
School photo day is Thursday 8th May. Please send in the sealed envelope with money enclosed. Family photo envelopes are available at the office. Full school uniform please. Black shoes where possible with no coloured laces.

WONDERFUL WOMENS’ WEDNESDAY
Please come along to our fabulous Wonderful Women’s Wednesday on Wednesday 7th May from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The afternoon will consist of some very enjoyable activities and afternoon tea. Wonderful women include; mums, grandmas, aunties, friends, neighbours, in fact all wonderful women.

STEWART HOUSE AWARD
I am very proud to announce that Minmi Public School is the recipient of a Stewart House Silver Award. This award acknowledges the generous support from our school community in 2013. Well done Minmi!

NETBALL KNOCKOUT
Minmi girls netball team will be playing Beresfield in their first knock-out round early next week. We need to supply one umpire for the game. If anyone has a contact for a “Badged” umpire who may be able to assist us for the game, could you please let me know.

Thankyou
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.

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 2 and 3:
Week 2
Excellence means to do your best always
Week 3
Democracy means allowing everyone to have their say and listening to the ideas of others.

Regards
Lyn McAllister
Principal
TERM 1 – Week 10 – 2014

**MRS BRADSHAW**
Alex J & Brooke J – fantastic sentence writing

**MS DELFORCE/MRS BELLAMY**
Lucas W – great news presentation
Sam R – Star Worker of the week

**MRS CORRIGAN**
Taylah M – expressive Reading
Fletcher M – effort in Reading

**MR SULLIVAN**
Alex W & Ella D – Being a caring class member

**MRS MCALLISTER**
Meagan N & Ruby H – Completing work efficiently
Jada C – mature attitude to learning

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

**CERTIFICATE 1**
Jack H, Kalarnah W, Fletcher M, Max C & Cody H

**CERTIFICATE 2**
Kalarnah W & Cody H

**CERTIFICATE 3**
Riley M, Darcy V, Cody H & Savanna V

**CERTIFICATE 4**
Kolbi C & Cody H

**HOME READING**

**BRONZE**

**SILVER**
Chloe A

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**P&C NEWS**

Welcome back to term 2. We have some great ideas this term, but if you have an idea you would like to express please let me know.

We have been busy in the school holidays, building our chicken pen. Thank you to Mr Al and Matthew Searles for building it while I supervised and read the instructions. Thanks to Lara for helping me stain it and once the rain stops we will finish it off.

We have 6 chickens arriving in a couple of days and they should start laying in a couple of weeks once they settle into their new environment. 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. If you have spare egg cartons we would love them. Please drop them in to the office.

Another thank you to Mr Al, Matthew Searles, Paul Beavis and Grunt as they repaired the weather shed roof in the holidays. It’s great to see some new faces on the team. The kids will no longer have wet sport gear which is great.

**Mother’s Day**
The kids that have ordered Mother’s Day gifts will start putting them together over the next couple of days. We have had a huge response which is fantastic. They will be sent home Friday 9th May. If you have measuring cups in 1 cup and ½ cup that we can use, we would be grateful to borrow them. Please send them along with your child, name on them if possible and we will return them to you.

Mother's day raffle tickets will be sent home tomorrow. We have 4 great prizes. Tickets are $1 each.

All the left over Mother’s Day gifts from last year will be sold off cheap on a stall at the Women’s Wonderful Wednesday. You’re welcome to come along and purchase these gifts.
Lollipops - Friday May 16th
Since last year’s Lollipops fundraiser was so successful, we have decided to hold this event again.
6.30-8.30pm Friday 16th May
Cost is $8.00 for school students and $5.00 for preschoolers. Parents are free.
All ticket money will go straight to the school. We will be holding a raffle on the night and a lucky door prize.

Picture Plates
The ordered plates were sent home on Wednesday. I hope you all love them as they looked fantastic.
If anyone missed out or would like to re order the same plate, or design a different plate please let me know ASAP.
We will be placing another order late next week.

Keep up to date- Like us on Facebook

Next P&C meeting
Wednesday 21st May at 6.30pm

Cherie Reed
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP
Welcome back to term 2. The size 8 girls skorts arrived this week and the vests for winter have been ordered.
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 you 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
We finally have our new oven!
Thank you to the P&C for this fantastic addition to the canteen.
You should have received the new yellow canteen menu for the term earlier this week. If you didn’t receive one please come to the canteen and collect a menu.
There is a mistake on the menu under recess. I have typed Cornetto cheese snacks and these are actually called CORNTOS.
We are currently experiencing a change of milk supplier and milks will be unavailable this week and possibly next while I get this sorted.
Recess will now be available on all days but orders must be received by 9am as our volunteers will not be at the school past 9.30am.
We have some new products on the menu that hopefully the children will enjoy trying.

Lara Wheatley
Canteen Supervisor

BANKING NEWS
DON’T FORGET BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY!
Hello Bankers,
A new term means new reward options. Term 2 rewards available for ordering are the key ring and whale shark pencil case. (Scented pencils and handballs are still available for ordering)

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your wonderful commitment to the school banking program.

I would also like to introduce Dorothy Thomas and Cherie Booth as the new school banking co-ordinators. I am resigning from my position as banking co-ordinator but would like to say thank you to everyone who supports the program.

Happy Banking

Kylie Bardetta
Banking Co-ordinator
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOOT CAMP!
On the Oval Tuesdays and Thursdays
3:00 to 4:00 pm. $10 per session.
All Welcome, just turn up.

The simplest way
...to add fruit at breakfast time

Ingredients
2 eggs
1 tbsp honey
2 1/2 cups low-fat milk
3 ripe bananas, sliced
2 cups self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tbsp margarine, melted
3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method
In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine and milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, then stir into wet mixture until smooth. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tablespoons of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.

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The simplest way
...to use leftovers in the lunchbox

Leftovers are an easy way to pack your kids a nutritious lunch, whilst clearing out the fridge.

Your kids will love these tasty leftovers and their lunch box will be sure to come home empty.

Try some of these ideas:

- Cottage pie or spag bol sandwiches – both taste great on wholemeal bread
- Healthy fried rice or stir-frys are a fun alternative to a sandwich
- Turn leftover veggies into a frittata
- Add leftover baked veg to a sandwich or use steamed sweet potato or pumpkin as a sandwich spread with cheese (then add your favourite salad).

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