Dear Parents

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

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PEER SUPPORT
For the Personal Development component of our teaching and learning programs this term the students will be participating in Peer Support.

Peer Support consists of lessons that teach the students about Bullying, Resilience and Getting Along with Others.

Each lesson is taught by the year 5/6 students and the rest of the school are in mixed grade groups so that they meet some new friends.

Last Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Comerford trained the 5/6 students so that they will able to deliver the lessons effectively.

Peer Support lessons will begin on Wednesday, 6th August from 2-3pm.

DEBATING
Congratulations to the Minmi Megaminds who defeated Minmi Magic last Friday. Our next debate will be held in our school library at 10.15am on Friday 1st of August. Our team will be versing Tenambit Public School. Unfortunately one of their teams has forfeited so only one debate will take place tomorrow. Good Luck to our team.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Congratulations to our school finalists who worked very hard on their speeches and represented Minmi Public School with pride. They were:

Stage One – Chloe A and Dominic P
Stage One – Thomas L and Sam M
Stage Two – Victoria O E and Emily S
Stage Three – Ruby H and Mia M

Certificates will be presented at assembly this Friday.

GYMNASTICS
Students are enjoying gymnastics every Friday. These sessions will continue until week 8.

If paying weekly please pay on the morning before the Gym session.

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Steve Sullivan

KINDERGARTEN 2015
Orientation Information letters and enrolment forms have been sent to our new Kindergarten families. Please return your child’s enrolment form with child’s birth certificate and immunisation forms for copying. Our first orientation day is Wednesday 27th August at 9:15am. Please meet under the COLA. I look forward to meeting all our 2015 Kindies and their parents.
BEANIE KIDS DAY
Thank you to all our families for your kind donations towards the “Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer Research Day” on Tuesday. The students looked great and we raised $202.00 for the Mark Hughes Foundation.

ZONE ATHLETICS
The representatives of Minmi Public School who qualified for the Zone Athletics Carnival had a great day at the Glendale Athletics Centre on Wednesday, 30th. Unfortunately, quite a few children were unable to compete because of illness, but the other sturdy souls ran and threw with energy and determination. Our best competitor was Riley Matthews, who came 4th in the discus and 3rd in the shotput. A great effort! Congratulations to all those who competed. Their behaviour throughout the day was excellent and they should all be proud of their efforts. Thanks also to Mr Sullivan for supervising the discus event at the carnival.

Lesley Comerford
Sports Co-ordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB
Scholastic bookclub brochures have been handed out. All orders and money to the office by Monday 11th August.

K-2 NOVELTY CARNIVAL
Thank you to all the parents that attended our K-2 Novelty Carnival yesterday. The weather was very kind to us and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. A big thank you to Mr Griffiths and Miss Kavanagh for organising the event.

BOOK WEEK 2014
Mrs Bellamy has sent home a note today letting everyone know about our upcoming Book Week Celebrations. Please get your costumes ready and join us under the COLA, to see our students all dressed up as their favourite characters.

BOOK WEEK LIBRARY VISIT
On Monday 18th August our school will be visiting the Wallsend Library as part of Book Week celebrations. The Shortlisted books will come alive in a magical play “Connect to Reading” developed and performed by Tantrum Youth Arts. Note will be sent home next week.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL PORTRAITS
Anyone wishing to order any speciality photos that were taken at school eg Starstruck, Debating, Public Speaking, netball, parliament or Captains etc. can do so by going on line www.newcastleschoolportraits.com or
CORRECT AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY PLEASE
Could we ask for parents to check the coins coming to school for payment of activities please. The bank will not accept foreign coins so as a result the school has a bag of rejected coins and the P&C has the same. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind Regards
Allyson Corrigan
Relieving Principal

HOME READING

DOUBLE BRONZE
Charli J

SILVER
Dylan J

DOUBLE SILVER
Charli J

GOLD
Kolbi C

P&C NEWS

School Disco TONIGHT Thursday 31st July 6.30-8.30pm
We are ready for a great night tonight! We have ordered 100 pizzas, 100 cakes, 100 glo products, drinks and lots more.
If you haven’t sent back your note, you will be able to buy tickets at the door, so come along. Cameron Park Community Centre Northlakes Drive. Mr T the Dj has a great night planned… Let’s see what he has planned for the hula hoops.

Shopping Bus Trip Fundraiser
We have 15 seats sold already but need another 20 for the trip to go ahead, please spread the word it will be a shame to have to cancel.
Sunday 17th August Starts at 6.45am from school returns around 7pm
Cost will be $55.00 which includes bus trip and hostess, 2 course lunch, wine nibbles and lots of fun

Father’s Day
Notes have been sent home to give you the option to purchase Father’s day gifts. The children will be decorating all gifts.
Orders need to be in by Friday 8th August so we can order what is needed to create memories.

Next P&C meeting
Wednesday 20th August 6.30pm .
Keep up to date- Like us on Facebook
Cherie Reed
P&C President
CANTEEN NEWS
Just a reminder that the canteen has both eucalyptus and butter menthol lozenges available. The cost is 60c a packet. These are great for helping to soothe those winter scratchy throats. Potato boats are available on Mondays and you are welcome to order them with any of the toppings in our sandwich menu. A potato boat is a potato which has been cut in half, hollowed out, baked until crispy, filled topped with cheese and baked again until the cheese is browned. Each serve has 3 boats.
Also proving popular in the menu at the moment are the chicken tender, lettuce and mayo rolls and the tender salad wraps. So if your child is looking for something new they might like to try one of these.

Thank you to our volunteers, you are doing a fantastic job.

Lara Wheatley
Canteen coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning from 8:30-9:15am and is located on the verandah outside the Year 1 classroom.
Orders can be left at the office if you cannot make it at this time.

Natalie Chambers
Uniform Coordinator

BANKING NEWS
DON’T FORGET BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY!

School Banking. New rewards released in Term 3.
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.
To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. Rewards available in term 3 are:

- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.
If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.

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

Dorothy Thomas
Banking Co-ordinator
WALLSEND RSL JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
Cricket Rego Days - 2014/15

Saturday 16 August 2014
Saturday 23 August 2014
Saturday 30 August 2014

1-4 pm on all dates at Wallsend Diggers

Existing and new players are invited to register for the 2014/15 season. We offer a friendly, safe playing environment in a range of formats for boys and girls aged 6-17.

Fees for 2014/15: $60 (mod 8’s), $99 (T20 Blast), $140 (U10 & up) (+ $40 for new players for club shirt and cap)

For more information contact
Club Registrar: Stuart Cathcart 0438 694096