Dear Parents

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

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NOTES SENT HOME

- Book Week Parade note
- Book Week Library Excursion note
- Mobile Phone App information
- Canberra Excursion Note 3

MINMI PHONE APP

Great News! Our school now has a mobile phone app. What's that you may ask? It is a little application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7. The app is going to give parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in a sick note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note! We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for Minmi Public School. Once you have found it press install or download.

PEER SUPPORT

Peer Support lessons have begun and the students are enjoying being “taught” by our Year 5 and 6 leaders. It is lovely to watch the leaders as they navigate their group through the lessons on Resilience, Getting Along and Bullying. Peer Support lessons will continue this term, every Wednesday from 2:30 – 3:00pm.

PJ DAY

Thankyou to all of the parents and students for participating in our pyjama day. We had a lovely breakfast at the school and your kind donations have raised $154 for the Yr 6 school gift.

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.

Timetable
9.00-9.40 – Year 2/3
9.40-10.20 – Year 1
10.20-11.00 – Kindergarten
11.20-12.00 - Year 3/4
12.00-12.40 – Year 5/6

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 your child’s birth certificate and immunisation forms for copying. Our first orientation day is Wednesday 27th August at 9:15am. Please meet us under the COLA. I look forward to meeting all our 2015 Kindies and their parents.
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 18\textsuperscript{th} 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. Please return your permission note with $5 tomorrow.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL PORTRAITS
Anyone wishing to order any speciality photos that were taken at school e.g. Starstruck, Debating, Public Speaking, netball, parliament or Captains etc. can do so by going on line www.newcastleschoolportraits.com or phone 4965 4114. You will need to use the Password: 37025AN when ordering online.

FRESH EGGS
Our chooks are doing a great job laying fresh eggs for us. If you would like to donate $5.00 towards their feed, you can receive 1 dozen fresh eggs. Please forward your money to the office in an envelope with your name on it.

FRESH VEGIES
Our vegie patch has some yummy spinach and parsley that needs to be picked. Please send 50c to the office in an envelope with your child’s name and whether you would like spinach or parsley and we will send you home a zip locked sandwich bag full for you to enjoy. We will be planting some fresh produce in the coming weeks, including some more basil, so we would love your 50c donations to help us.

Kind Regards
Lyn McAllister
Principal

Class Awards

TERM 3 – Week 3 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Wil G & Lachlan R – Improvement in number

MRS BELLAMY/MS DELFORCE
Eve N, Sam R & Lucas J – Excellent results in time

MR SULLIVAN
Jack M & Mikayla S – A well written description

MRS CORRIGAN
Jake G – sportsmanship during lunch time soccer
Cassie W – adding 2 digit numbers in Maths

MR GRIFFITHS
Connie T – helpful student
Tom H – hard work in Maths
Isabelle S – being a model student

HOME READING

BRONZE
Leah B & Clare G

DOUBLE BRONZE
Ella Wh, Liam W, Sam R, Olivia S, & Jacqui M

SILVER

GOLD
Eve N, Sam R, Alexander W, Jack M, Dylan C & Jada C

DOUBLE GOLD
Lucas J & Caerwyn B

TERM 3 – Week 4 – 2014

MRS BRADSHAW
Savannah P and Olivia S - Clever work in subtraction

MRS BELLAMY/MS DELFORCE
Eve N & Lucas J – Cooperative students
MRS CORRIGAN
Riley M – challenging himself in Spelling
Jack H – improved effort in Writing using a plan and writing more details

MRS MCALLISTER
Connie T – Always lending a helping hand

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

CERTIFICATE 3
Lachlan M

CERTIFICATE 4
Tayla H

HOME READING

SILVER
Sam M, Dylan C

GOLD
Abigail B, Dylan C

DOUBLE GOLD
Chloe A, Caerwyn Berry

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

SILVER
Ben R

Why we have cut off dates.
The P&C volunteers work hard to do their best to ensure all our events and fundraisers are as cost effective and well planned as possible. For this to work we have cut off dates. These dates are set so all necessary ordering can be done in time to allow a successful outcome. For example, with the Father’s day gifts, the cut off date was set at Friday the 8th of August. We know it sounds like a month is a long time in advance; however we needed to order all the materials and to get the best prices. This was done online and we needed to allow delivery time. We also need to allow time for your children to be able to create their gifts without feeling pressured or rushed.

We do NOT order spares. If we order materials we do not need this increases the expense of each and every item. It is not fair to increase costs on the off chance people will send in late orders. We ask that parents be mindful that the cut off dates set on our order forms are set for a reason and that unfortunately we will no longer be able to accept your orders after the cut off dates. No one wants to see the children miss out but we need to be practical and from now on will be returning late orders and money.

Eggs
The chickens are now regularly laying and we are getting around 2 dozen eggs per week. If you would like some eggs please send a $5 donation to the school and we will send you home a dozen eggs. There is a waitlist for eggs and when we receive your donation we will place your name on the bottom of the list and work our way towards you. All donations go to feeding and maintaining the hens.

Book Week
Morning Tea: Mam will be hosting her Daffodil day morning tea. If you are able to donate a cake or slice on the day we would appreciate it, but if you don’t have any time and would like to contribute please drop off a packet cake mix and we will be happy to cook it in the canteen for the day. Mam will also be selling Daffodil products.

Next P&C meeting
Wednesday 20th August 6.30pm.

Keep up to date- Like us on Facebook
Cherie Reed
P&C President
CANTEEN NEWS

Have your children told you about the Sydney Markets Eat Fresh Promotion?
Well, each day that your children bring fresh fruit or veg to school, or order a salad (salad box, salad sandwich or wrap) from the canteen they receive a sticker. When they have two stickers on their entry form they bring it to the canteen (Mon or Fri) only and they will receive a cute little character ring, there are 6 to collect. I will collect the entry forms and send them to Sydney Markets where they will go into the draw for major prizes. The prizes include a tv and bluray player, movie vouchers and mini ipads. So come on Minmi EAT FRESH! Stickers are available from your child’s teacher so remind them to ask.

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
**Thursday 14th August 2014**

**Hunter Valley Electric Vehicle Festival**

*FREE ENTRY*

**Sunday 17th August, 9am-3pm**

**The Electric Yard, Cameron Park Dr, Cameron Park**

**Talks**

**EV Live Swap**

**And much much more!**

*www.hunterevfestival.net*

*www.facebook.com/hunterevfestival*

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**Maitland Horse Sports Day**

*Hosted by Iona Public School*

**Wednesday 15th October 2014**

*at Maitland Polocrosse Grounds, Anambah Rd Rutherford*

*(1km on New England Highway)*

**Concession: 8:00am Eve/Check by Team Manager; 8:30am start**

*All forms available on the school website*

**du.au**

*www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au*

**Entry Fee:** $20 per rider *(see conditions of entry)*

**Events:**

- Flag
- Bend
- Barrel
- Bell
- Sporting Figure 8

**Riding Events:**

- Riding Classes
- Hacking Classes
- Pleasure Hack

**Thursday 18th September 2014**

**ENTRIES CLOSE Th**

*Joan Lawrence*

*P.O. Box 385, Rutherford, NSW 2320*

*Phone: 0402 644 600*

*Email: info@iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au*

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**Discovery Kids Club**

**School Years 2 to 6**

**Thursdays 5pm to 6:30 NEW VINE CHURCH**

340 Maryland Drive Maryland 2287 | Contact 02 4955 0877

$2.50 per child
OBAISER
YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

AUTOPRO
WARNERS BAY

BBQ and CAR WASH

Help raise money for Minmi Public School

Year 6 students

Father’s Day BBQ and Carwash

Come to the

Warners Bay AUTOPRO

from 9am – 2:00pm

on Saturday 30th August