Dear Parents

Welcome back after the holidays. I hope you have all had a wonderful break with your children.

We have a very busy term planned and we are all keen to see your wonderful children achieve their full potential.

For Term 1 in 2015 Mrs Allyson Corrigan will be Relieving Principal and Mrs Claire Bradshaw will be Relieving Assistant Principal. During this term the position of Principal will be advertised and suitable applicants interviewed through a stringent Merit Selection Process. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will begin in the position on day 1, Term 2. This applicant will replace Mrs McAllister who is now retired and enjoying a well-deserved holiday. She will be dearly missed. In Term 2 Mrs Corrigan will then resume her position as Assistant Principal and Mrs Bradshaw as Class Teacher. Also, Mrs Comerford will be the 5/6 Class Teacher for Term 1, with Ms Clulow relieving as the Learning and Support Teacher. In Term 2 Mrs Comerford will then resume her position as Learning and Support Teacher and it is anticipated that the successful applicant of Principal will take the 5/6 class. If you have any questions about the staffing during Term 1 please do not hesitate to speak with Mrs Corrigan.

FOR YOUR DIARY

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

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NOTES SENT HOME

Mega note
Swimming Carnival note

NOTE FOLDERS

Red note folders have been sent home with the students today. These are for Bulletins and other notes and are to be returned to the school after the notes are removed. Preferably the next day.

STAFFING and CLASSES FOR 2015

Kindergarten – Mrs Claire Bradshaw
Year 1 – Mrs Ingrid Bellamy and Ms Sharon Delforce
Year 2/3 – Mrs Allyson Corrigan
Year 3/4 – Mr Steve Sullivan
Year 5/6 – Mrs Lesley Comerford
Library Teacher – Mrs Ingrid Bellamy (Thursdays)

Support Staff

Learning and Support Teacher – Ms Kaitlan Clulow
(Term 1) Mrs Lesley Comerford (Terms 2-4)
Release from face to face (RFF) – Ms Sharon Delforce
School Learning Support Officer – Mrs Maree Clulow
School Chaplain – Mrs Shondell Williams

Office Staff

School Administrative Manager – Mrs Bronwyn Stacey
School Administrative Officer – Mrs Dianne Carr

Grounds Assistant
Mr Alan Lavell

School Cleaner
Mrs Jennifer Smith

Crossing Supervisors
Mr Ian Lawson and Mr Dave Porter.

MEGA NOTE

The school Meganote will be sent home in the next Bulletin.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

A parent information evening will be held on Monday the 9th February. This will be an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, discuss the general class routines and any other general class and school information. There will not be time for a personal interview about your child during this session; however if you need to see your child’s teacher for a more specific discussion, please...
organise an interview with them through the office. We look forward to meeting you at our Parent Information Session. The times and classes are outlined below.

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING TIMES**

5:30 – 6:00pm – 5/6, Year 1 and Years 3/4
6:00 – 6:30pm – Kinder and 2/3

**WORKBOOK PACKAGES and SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

At the end of last year a letter was sent home regarding the cost of the workbook packages. We have attached a copy of this letter to the Bulletin. Please pay for your packages as soon as possible as your child will not be able to use their text books, or have their Reading Eggs or Mathletics passwords, (for use at home) until they are paid for. Paying online has been very popular and easy to do. Instructions are on the website or available at the office.

Please see your class teacher for any additional requirements for your class.

**STAFF CARPARK**

Please adhere to our request that no parents or students travel through the staff carpark to and from school. This is a matter of safety for our students and our parents.

**INTERRELATE FAMILY PROGRAM – Years 3-6**

A Family Evening Program related to children’s changing bodies will be conducted at our school on Tuesday 3rd March from 6pm. A Flyer is attached to this Bulletin with session information.

**2014 SWIMMING TRIALS**

This year’s swimming trials will be held at Beresfield Pool on Wednesday 11th February. All primary students, Years 3-6, are expected to attend. Travel to and from the pool will be by bus. The cost will be $8.00. All students are expected to travel to and from the pool by bus. Buses will leave from school by 9am and return to school for lunch at 1pm. Ribbons and trophies will be presented at the school assembly at the end of lunch.

**HEAD LICE**

Just a reminder to continue to be vigilant about checking your child/children’s head for lice.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Our new School Captains and Vice Captains are doing a great job this week. We look forward to watching them represent our school for 2015. Our School Captains are Tayla Hingst and Riley Collins and our Vice Captains are Makayla Reed and Ben Ross.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

The students will vote for their House Captains on Friday. Announcements and photos will be in the next Bulletin.

**SCHOOL CROSSING SAFETY**

Please use the school crossing with your child. Their safety and yours is important to us.

**ABSENCES**

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. Student absences can also be sent via the Minmi Public School App.

Regards
Allyson Corrigan
Assistant Principal

**CANTEEN**

The first day for the canteen will be tomorrow. The Canteen Menu and Price List are attached. Thank you to all the fantastic people who have already volunteered for this year. A great start to 2015!
Lara Wheatley
Canteen Supervisor
**When Kids Ask “the” questions...**

**Interrelate has the answers!**

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 40 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellent in-school and relationship education. Today, over 140,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year. Many parents find it hard to discuss sexual matters relating to sexuality education. We know how to help you out. Interrelate programs are interactive and family-focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who address a wide range of issues.

**Session 1: Where did I come from? (2-hour session, years 3-6)**

This session educates children on how they came into the world and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty (2-hour session, years 5-6; years 4-5 at parent’s discretion)**

This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships within families and peers.

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**Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program**

**Family cost:** $25 per family | 2 sessions $50 per family

**GST included – GET is payable only to the school or organisation body.**

**When:** MINNI PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Where:** Tuesday, 27th March 2015

**Time:** Where did I come from? 6:30pm sharp | Preparing for puberty 7:30pm sharp

**Specialty classes available for purchase on the night**

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**A Special Evening Program**

**Name of family:**

**No. attending:** Session 1: Where did I come from? | Session 2: Preparing for puberty

**Amount enclosed $**

**Cash/ Cheque payable to school**

Tel: 02 8882 7876 | Fax: 02 8882 7880

SchoolServices@interrelate.org.au

www.interrelate.org.au

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**COME AND EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF BMX RACING FOR FREE**

**BMX NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY**

**YOUR LOCAL CLUBS**

Mallard Tenants BMX Club

**BMX LOCATION**

Beryl Hamble Sports Complex

**Ride 12-5 Hours**

Saturday 7th February

**Entry:** $1

**Contact:**

Alice-mallardbmx@hotmail.com

Facebook: Mallard BMX Club

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**Miami Public School**

**2015 Workbook Package & Voluntary Contributions**

**Dear Parents**

**WORKBOOK PACKAGE: IF PAYING ONLINE, please enter “Workbooks” in the Payment Description under Sales to Students.**

The teachers at Miami Public School work tirelessly to ensure the very best education to each and every child in our school. To ensure the highest quality of education we ask parents to purchase a modestly priced workbook package and pay a Voluntary School Contribution at the beginning of each school year.

The cost of the packages is listed below in class order.

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**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: IF PAYING ONLINE, please enter “School Contributions” in the Payment Description under Voluntary School Contributions.**

The School Council has voted that the voluntary contributions remain the same as 2014. The cost for 2015 will be $25.00 per child or $50.00 per family. The school relies very heavily on the funds generously given by all families. In 2014 the contributions were used to purchase:

- IRM Readers for K-4
- Literacy comprehension task card books to support our Focus on Reading Comprehension Strategies.
- Sequencing cards for ICZ to help students develop oral literacy.
- IRT Benchmarking tests to assess student reading levels.

At Miami Public School our students achieved well above state average in NAPLAN literacy due to these resources. Any families experiencing financial hardship, may pay by instalments or if you require financial assistance please do not hesitate to contact the school office for an Assistance Form.

All enquiries remain confidential.

Yours,

Lyn Blackmore
Principal