Dear Parents,

Our first few weeks at school have been busy, rewarding and exciting. Our teachers have already reported that students are doing quality work, are excited by their learning goals and are settling into their new class routines with ease. I am looking forward to seeing the quality work that our students are doing as I visit classrooms and share in the fun activities that our students are all enjoying with their teachers. I am also very proud of the students who were sent to me this week to showcase their work as part of our “Principal’s Pride” time. I look forward to seeing all of our lovely students and what they are achieving over the coming weeks. Your children should all feel very proud of the great start they have made to the school year.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
Events can also be followed on our school website calendar.

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CONGRATULATIONS CAPTAINS
Well done Captains for doing a great job running our first School Assembly for 2015. You are already proving yourselves to be very capable in your role.

SPORTS CAPTAINS
In preparation for our Swimming Carnival, our Sports Captains were voted on last week. We are proud to announce that Olivia S is the Captain for Cook and Deklen A is the Vice Captain for Cook. Also, Savannah V is the Captain for Phillip and Joshua R is the Vice Captain for Phillip. We wish them all the best as they represent our students and school at our upcoming sporting events. They have already done a great job encouraging our students as they competed in our Swimming Carnival yesterday.
Congratulations to all our swimmers who were proud participants at our Carnival yesterday. Congratulations to Phillip for a well-deserved win.

MEGA NOTE
Our Meganotes have been sent home with your child today. Please complete and return these promptly so we can ensure our records on your child are up to date. This is especially important in the case of an emergency situation.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
We are very lucky at Minmi Public School because our students and parents take great pride in the wearing of our school uniform. Please help us to keep our students looking their best by ensuring they are in the correct uniform and the correct shoes. Please contact the office staff or the uniform co-ordinator, Nat Chambers, if you need any information regarding your child’s uniform.

SCHOOL RULES and PRINCIPAL’S REWARD DAY
During the start of every year our class teachers discuss their class rules with their students. We also discuss our school rules. These rules are to help keep your children happy, safe and able to do their best work in the classroom. A copy of our school rules, their meaning and the consequences are attached to this Bulletin. This is to help you understand decisions we make regarding the wellbeing of your child while they are at school.

If our students follow our school rules, they will be rewarded with a Principal’s Award Day, which for Term 1 will be a movie and popcorn afternoon. Each term there will be a different reward for all students who follow the rules.

We are looking forward to seeing all our students follow the school rules and enjoy this great reward. So please discuss these rules with your child and help them make their behaviour count.

A reminder of these rules and a Student Wellbeing Contract will be sent home for students in the next Bulletin. This contract is for students to sign and parents to sign as a witness. The contract will then be returned to school and kept as a reminder of each student’s commitment to their own and other’s wellbeing at school.

INTERRELATE
On Tuesday 3rd March Minmi Public School are hosting an Interrelate presentation. Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters. The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A range of books on sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.

Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
6:00pm – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
7:15pm – Years 5 & 6
This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. If you need a new note please come to the office.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Parent Information Sessions. It was lovely to meet some new faces and chat to our parents and grandparents. Please see your child’s class teacher if you missed any handouts for this session.

HOME READING and PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Reading at home is something that we continue to value highly. Our Home Reading Logs have been sent home for our Senior Classes and our Junior Classes will have them sent home by Week 5, when Kindergarten begins their first night of Home Reading. For those parents who have been reading with their children every night since they returned to school, you are able to back date your child’s reading log to include all of these nights. We have decided that this year you do not have to begin with the Premier’s Reading Challenge as in previous years. We just want you to make sure you are reading with your child as much as possible. So if you read a book, log it in the Home Reading section as a night of reading. Then if it also happens to be a Premier’s Reading Challenge Book, write the name of the book in the Premier’s Reading Challenge section as well. This will ensure your child will not miss out on either system of reading awards.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT WORKSHOP - Reading
Our Kindergarten students have had a wonderful start to the year and have settled in well. Mrs Bradshaw, our Kindergarten teacher, will be holding an information session in the Kindergarten classroom, on Tuesday February 17, from 3:15-3:45. Please join her to learn some great ideas to help your Kindergarten students with their Reading skills.
5/6 EXCURSION to MAITLAND ART GALLERY
Tomorrow (Friday 13th), 5/6 will be going to view the Archibald exhibition at the Maitland Art Gallery. The scope of the styles, techniques and interpretations of ‘a portrait’ are amazing. I’m sure they will enjoy the experience and learn a great deal from this excursion. Thankyou to those parents who have offered to assist with transport at such short notice. We didn’t want to miss this great event.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
Volunteers working in our schools now have to undertake a proof of identity check and sign a Working with Children declaration. This is a requirement of the Department Of Education. Please come to the office to fill out the paperwork.

TRANSPORTING CHILDREN
For parents who transport our children to various school related events please see the office to update your information.

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE
At this stage P&C and Uniform Shop payments must be made to the office, not online. Our online payment system is currently set up for school payments only. We will let you know if this system changes.

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 veggie patch will have new produce planted in the next few weeks as we establish our Garden Group. In the meantime, our Year 5/6 students will be picking and sending home what produce we have now to each class member. Look out for recipes to accompany our produce in the coming Bulletins. Also, if you have a free lunchtime and would like to work on our garden with our Garden Group please leave your name, contact details and days that your are available with the office. Also if you can donate seedlings of produce for planting, please send them to the office. Include your child’s name clearly written on the plant and we will ensure that the Garden Group assists your child as they plant their vegetable or herb.

NEW SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
We have a new school counsellor this year. Stephen Lynn will be here every second Thursday to work with teachers, students and parents. We warmly welcome Stephen to our school team.

WORKBOOK PACKAGES and SCHOOL EQUIPMENT
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.

ASSEMBLY ITEM TIMETABLE
This term each class will present an item at our Friday assembly. The timetable is listed below:

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Please come along and watch your child proudly present their work or perform an item.

LIBRARY
Minmi Public School Library borrowing will begin next week. We have had to change our Library computer system over in the past few weeks and it has taken Mrs Bellamy a lot of time to do this. We are now ready for our borrowing to begin for the year. Please ensure your child has a Library bag to protect our books.

VALUES
Minmi Public School is committed to ensuring that its students are equipped with the social skills to help them mature into responsible citizens. We will be discussing our Values with you in the next Bulletin.

Kind Regards,
Allyson Corrigan
Relieving Principal
Class Awards

TERM 1 – Week 2 – 2015

MRS BRADSHAW
Wil Johnston – good listener
Harmonee Masters – being a kind and caring friend

MRS BELLAMY/MS DELFORCE
Olivia S – being a great helper
Lachlan M – great work in Maths

MRS CORRIGAN
Eve Newcombe – always doing quality work, a great start to the year
Ethan Bieler – for working hard in writing

MRS SULLIVAN
Dean P & Chantelle WB – excellent start to 2015

MRS COMERFORD
Isabelle S & Victoria OE – An excellent start to the year

P&C NEWS
Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great break. We have a great term planned and I have a few dates for your diary.

Thursday 19th February
School disco 6.30-8.30
Cameron Park Community Centre, Cameron Park
Notes sent home last week and due back Monday 16th February.

Friday 6th March
Jacket Potato and popper $5.00 Day
Fill your own potato with the fillings you like.

Wednesday 25th March
Out of uniform Easter egg day
Bring along an Easter egg to go towards our Easter raffle. Freshly made milkshake and hot x bun $5.00 Day.

Thursday 2nd April
Easter raffle.
Pick up Hot x bun orders from hot x bun fundraiser.

This month our P&C meeting has been moved to Wednesday 25th February with a 6pm start.

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

Canteen News
Thank you to our volunteers both new and experienced who have joined the roster for this term. Without the support and hard work of all our volunteers we would have no canteen available for the children. If you would like to join the canteen, even if it’s only once a term, please come to the canteen or leave me your contact details at the office. We would love to have more volunteers at any time.

New menu. The new menu came home in week one. If you missed it please let me know and I will send one out to you.

Ordering. Please place all orders in the letterbox outside the canteen. If the canteen appears closed, don't be concerned as we all have children to get ready for school and sometimes the canteen isn't open until 9am. You can use a paper bag (available from the canteen or supermarket), an envelope, a piece of paper or a ziplock bag. We really don't mind as long as your order includes your child's name, class and as close to the correct payment as possible. There is no need to have a separate bag for morning tea and lunch. You can write it all on one bag.

Change: If your child's order requires change we will sticky tape the change to the bag, which will be sent out with your child's lunch. Notes will be placed in a ziplock bag and taped to the bag.

Ordering frozen items. Your child can either order their ice creams or slushies on their lunch order, or bring their money to the canteen at lunchtime and we will sell them one.

Mistakes: From time to time we make mistakes in the canteen, even though we work really hard not to. Please encourage your child to let us know especially if they receive the wrong lunch or something is missing. We will always do everything we can to fix any problems.

Corntos: Unfortunately corntos are no longer available. I have introduced chicken jumpys 80c and bbq zombie snacks 60c.

Canteen Supervisor
Lara Wheatley

Uniform Shop
We have had a busy 2 weeks in the uniform shop with students purchasing the new school hat. Please remember the old school caps are not part of our school uniform for 2015.

Ordering uniforms
The uniform shop is open Thursday morning's between 8.30am-9am.
Please try to have the correct money as we have limited change.
If you are unable to make these times and require uniforms please send an envelope to the office with the following information on it:

- Child's name
- Child's class
- Items required including sizes
- Cash payment or a cheque written out to Minmi P&C.

We will then send the items home with your child. Unfortunately we are no longer able to pack unpaid orders and send to the office for collection.

Thank you
Natalie Chambers

BANKING NEWS
Welcome back to 2015, we have a great year ahead. I will be the new banking coordinator this year, so if you need any help with your rewards or you would like to sign up please let me know. There are lots of new awards. They are displayed in the notice board outside the year 1 room. We will also have Bronze, Gold and Silver awards. Also there is a family trip to Disneyland to be won, and you only have to bank 25 times to receive an entry.

DON’T FORGET BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY
Mel Johnson

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1
These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day.
Minmi Wanderers Football Club

2015 Registrations Now Open

Small Sided (U6-U11), Junior (U12-U18)
All Age and Over 35s Teams

Register and Pay Online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

2015 Fees
Under 6-7 $140*
Under 8-11 $150*
Under 12-18 $185
All Age $280
Over 35s $260

* No More to Pay

For more information contact
Stephen Zok on 0419 912 988

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