

# Minto Public School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

## A parade of colourful hats and happy students

The Easter Hat Parade was an enjoyable occasion celebrated by the students, staff, parents and community on Thursday 29 March 2018. Thank you to all the parents and carers who assisted in the making of hats and who attended the special whole school event. The staff and I were very pleased to see lots of parents and friends in attendance. Thank you to Miss Vaughn and Mrs Binney, who led the event, and the teachers for their organisation of hats, their contribution to the smooth running of the event and their enthusiasm.

We had very positive feedback written on our 'Easter egg response slips', including "loved the smiles", "perfect", "very impressive show, well organised, the children were all well behaved and there were some fantastic hats", "great addition of a whole school dance", "great teacher leadership", "loved every minute—maybe the inclusion of a group song at the end". Thank you for your positive feedback, we will certainly consider the inclusion of an Easter song next year.

Thank you also to the P&C who donated eggs for the Easter Bunny to deliver during the parade. The P&C Easter Raffle was drawn and was a very successful fundraiser. Congratulations to the following people who won a prize in our Easter Raffle:

1<sup>st</sup> Nicholas S

11<sup>th</sup> Natahlia V



2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Fassolis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jaya M  
4<sup>th</sup> Eligh R  
5<sup>th</sup> Jye W  
6<sup>th</sup> Nevaeh T  
7<sup>th</sup> Kiesha M  
8<sup>th</sup> Kaloni V  
9<sup>th</sup> Raven M  
10<sup>th</sup> Libni B

12<sup>th</sup> Jacob C  
13<sup>th</sup> Abdul T  
14<sup>th</sup> Wasi A  
15<sup>th</sup> Tashkin H  
16<sup>th</sup> Alexis Y  
17<sup>th</sup> Tia B  
18<sup>th</sup> Nimarpreet M  
19<sup>th</sup> Jacob C  
20<sup>th</sup> S Murphy (Ella M)

## Odd Day

**Lots of crazy clothes, hairstyles and zany socks!**

On Thursday 12 April students supported Year 6 fundraising by holding an odd day. Lots of glitter, bows, hairpieces, wings, crazy colours and even a crown was seen throughout the school as well as some fabulous clothes and socks! \$198 was raised towards the Year 6 Farewell. Thank you for your support of this event.



## Calendar

### May

- 1/5 (Wed) Students return for Term 2
- 7/5 (Mon) Footsteps dance lessons begin
- 8/5 (Tue) ICAS Digital Technologies test
- 9/5 (Wed) Mother's Day stall
- 15/5 (Tue) NAPLAN—Writing and Reading Yrs 3 & 5
- 16/5 (Wed) NAPLAN—Reading Yrs 3 & 5
- 17/5 (Thur) NAPLAN—Numeracy Yrs 3 & 5
- 23/5 (Wed) Grip Leadership conference—Captain & Prefects
- 24/5 (Thur) Zone Cross Country



## Swimming Scheme — A great success!

In Week 7, 50 students from our school attended the School Swimming Scheme at Macquarie Fields Leisure centre with Miss Tishler/Mrs Di Biasi and Mr McDonald. Students from Year 2 to Year 6 participated in a 5 day swimming program and learnt many new swimming and safety skills. For many students it was their first time at swimming lessons and it was great to see them enjoy learning in this new environment. All of the students tried their best in the swimming classes and there was great progress shown over the five days. The lessons were lots of fun and taught our students many important safety rules around water. The swimming teachers were very happy with our school's progress and praised Minto students throughout the week on their cooperative and helpful behaviour. We look forward to going to swimming lessons again next year!

## Whole School Assembly

Congratulations to our school leaders for successfully hosting our whole school assembly and to 5/6F for hosting a fabulous assembly last month. All captains and prefects have now had the opportunity to do so and they have performed their leadership duties admirably. The next whole school assembly will be hosted by 3/4M on Monday 7 May (Week 2) at 2:30pm. Bronze and Silver awards will be presented as will the remaining Swimming Scheme certificates for classes 4/5E, 5/6F and 5/6T. The Cross Country ribbons for the 5, 6 and 7 year races (K—2) will be handed out. All classes will be in attendance. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

## School Hats!

Thank you to the students and families who have purchased the new broad brimmed school hat. It is pleasing to see how positively they have been adopted by our students and staff. We will continue to strongly encourage the wearing of the broad brimmed hat by all members of the school community and look forward to the 2018 SRC leading the transition of our students during semester 1 from caps to the more sunsafe, broad brimmed style.

If your child does require a new hat, we ask that you purchase the broad brimmed style from the office. They remain at the very reasonable price of \$10. We thank you for your response to our survey and look forward to your anticipated support.



## Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the following awards.

### Bronze

Reenayna P	4/5E
Jin A	1D
Charanpreet S	1/2B
Sahil H	4/5E
Sydney M	1D
Raifah R	5/6F
Jaide C	3/4M
Savanah R	4/5E
Emily H	5/6F
Pratik B	4/5E

### Silver

Tamzid H	3/4M
Raena P	1/2B
Savanah R	4/5E

## P&C Mother's Day Stall

The Minto Public School P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall during the morning of Wednesday 9 May 2018. There will be a variety of gifts available for the students to buy from 50c to \$10. The P&C would greatly appreciate the help of volunteers to assist the children with their purchases.

If you can spare an hour or more to help at the stall please let the ladies in the canteen know of your availability (canteen open Thursdays and Fridays) or drop a note into the P & C box in the office foyer with your name, contact details and time that you are able to help. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the Minto Public School P&C.

## School dismissal

As you know, we have recently changed the way we are dismissing the students of an afternoon and the children are now leaving directly from their classroom. From the school's perspective, this has been going well and I have had parents report to me that the process for them has also been smooth. This will be discussed again at the next P&C meeting to ensure we are working together for the wellbeing of our students.

There is one reminder regarding this procedure. High school siblings who come to collect their younger brother or sister should remain seated in the front area of the school. Any rubbish from an afternoon snack they have consumed should be disposed of into the rubbish bin. Your support of this matter would be much appreciated.

Finally, if you need to see myself or one of the executive, there is always one of us on duty at the office veranda. You are more than welcome to pop over and have a chat for any reason. We are here to support and assist!

## The school has an app!

Just a reminder that the school has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with you. App content is updated every Tuesday morning by Mrs Jo Stewart and is the most up to date means of getting information about the school.

**The school uses the app to send messages home, give updates, confirm calendar dates for the school year and share great news stories—downloading it will keep you better informed!**

## Have you downloaded it? What you need to do...

We are asking parents and caregivers to install our Skoolbag School App, if you have not already done so. To install it, just search for our school name 'Minto Public School' in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. When you download the app please make sure that you **allow push notifications**. This means that any notifications we send through will appear on your phone or iPad. Once the app has been downloaded you will need to choose a category.

- \* Click on **more** at the bottom of the screen.
- \* Click on **setup**.
- \* Turn on the class or classes that you wish to be a part of. (Please note, to receive whole school notifications you will need to turn on at least one class.)

## Celebrating our multicultural school on Harmony Day

Harmony Day was celebrated on Wednesday 21 March. Students arrived at school wearing their colourful cultural outfits or orange clothing to represent Harmony Day. At lunchtime, students were encouraged to go to the hall where activities were set up for play. Thank you Mrs Burt for your coordination of this event and to everyone for your contribution and for making Harmony Day 2018 such a success.



## Sincere thanks for this act of community spirit!

The P&C and staff of Minto Public School would like to offer sincere thanks to Mr Graeme B. Lord, a local Chartered Accountant, who recently conducted the annual audit of the P&C's finances free of charge. Mr Lord provided this service to the P&C as a means of 'giving back' to the community.

If you're are interested in using Mr Lord's services, please see the contact details listed below.

Graeme B Lord  
Telephone 4627 1394  
Mobile 0401 743 713  
Email [glor3436@bigpond.net.au](mailto:glor3436@bigpond.net.au)

## School holiday security

The number for school security is 1300 880 021. If you notice any unusual activity over the school holidays, please call the above number. Alternatively, you can call Macquarie Fields Police on 9605 0499.





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Join the Campbelltown Camden Band 1<sup>st</sup> Year Learners group commencing 1<sup>st</sup> week of Term 2. The range of instruments taught are Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet/Cornet, Baritone, Tuba, Bass Guitar and Drums/ Percussion.

Lessons are in a group, held on Monday evenings 6:30 – 7:30pm at Ambarvale in the "Harold Pollard" Band hall off Wickfield Circuit (behind Aldi) next to Council's Youth Centre. These lessons are available for children 8 years of age and above as well as parents and other adults.

Cost for membership and tuition is approximately \$3 per week with a further 12 month \$25 hiring fee if you do not provide your own instrument. A Band tutor book is used with a once off cost of \$20 to be used for the first 2 years.

Check out their website: [cddb.org.au](http://cddb.org.au) or telephone 0416 256 039

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We warmly invite you to the  
Minto Playgroup—flier below.

## Minto Playgroup

Where: Minto Public School

Corner of Pembroke and Redfern Roads Minto

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:30am to 11am

What to bring: Already prepared /cut fruit to share at morning tea please

For more information about the group please call

Margaret on: 02 4629 2000 or 0434 566 572

A Free Playgroup for Children 0-5 yrs.  
and their Parents and Carers



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## Campbelltown Girl Guides

Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life? Campbelltown Guide District is looking for women 18 years and over interested in leadership.



You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Call Leslie on 0417 407 799 or  
email [leslie.meiklejohn@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.meiklejohn@gmail.com)

Or to find out more about Guides

visit our website: [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)

## Need to chat with your child's teacher?

Your child's teacher is always happy to talk to you. As our teachers are usually on class, it is best to phone ahead or send them a note or email to make time for a chat. The best times to phone teachers are before school starts (8.55 - 9.20am), at lunch (11.25 - 12.10pm) or after school. **Please be respectful of student learning time, teachers are unable to talk with parents when they are with their class.** If your matter is urgent, please come to the office and we can assist you.

Contacting your child's teacher via email is easy, just email the school [minto-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:minto-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) making sure you put the teacher's name in the subject area.



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