

# Minto Public School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable break. Term 2 is shaping up to be a very busy term with the NAPLAN assessments for Year 3 and 5 this week (15/16/17 May) and excursions for Kindergarten and 1D, 1/2B and 2/3K being planned. All classes have commenced new units of work and are continuing their literacy and numeracy focuses.

I hope all of our very hard working and highly valued mums had an enjoyable and relaxing Mother's Day on Sunday. I'm sure you enjoyed your carefully chosen gift from the school Mother's Day stall! I hope you were all spoilt with love! Thank you to the P&C for their work on the Mother's Day stall. We had lots of volunteers supporting this activity including purchasing of gifts, pricing gifts, setting up, manning and packing away the stall. Thank you again.

## Anzac Day commemorations

The school ANZAC Day ceremony was held on Friday 13 April. Thank you to Mr McDonald for coordinating the ceremony. It was very informative for students and respectful of this special day. A special thanks to the students who performed in the play and to Mr McDonald who authored the play. It gave the students and our audience an opportunity to view important ANZAC stories. Well done also, to all students for their attentive listening and excellent behaviour. Thank you to the Minto Public School choir for your moving performance which was led by Miss Tishler. A special thank you to Mr Stephen Greaves, representing Ingleburn RSL, and to the parents and friends who attended.

Tia B, Harmony B, Emily H, Leah W, Jade C and Alexis Y represented Minto Public School with pride at the Ingleburn RSL Anzac Day Dawn Service. I would like to congratulate the students in the way they carried out their duty of wreath laying in a solemn and respectful manner, reminding us how important Anzac Day is to everyone, but especially young people who are charged with always remembering the sacrifices past generations have made so that we can enjoy the freedoms we do.



## Planning for a strong future

### School Plan 2018–2020

Minto Public School's School Plan 2018—2020 has been finalised and uploaded to our school's website. You can find it under the 'Our School' tab. The School Plan will be discussed at the next P&C meeting, tomorrow, Wednesday 16 May. I will also update you as the year progresses about our priorities and achievements. The three strategic directions are;



### Calendar

#### May

- 15/5 (Tue) NAPLAN—Writing and Reading Yrs 3 & 5
- 16/5 (Wed) NAPLAN—Reading Yrs 3 & 5
- 16/5 (Wed) Final day for Stewart House clothing bags
- 16/5 (Wed) P&C meeting, 3:30pm in library. All welcome.
- 17/5 (Thur) NAPLAN—Numeracy Yrs 3 & 5
- 18/5 (Fri) Walk to school safely day
- 21/5 (Mon) Whole School Assembly—led by school leaders
- 23/5 (Wed) Grip Leadership conference—Captains / prefects
- 23/5 (Wed) National simultaneous story time, 11am in hall
- 24/5 (Thur) Zone Cross Country
- 28/5 (Mon) Multicultural perspectives public speaking competition—Years 3-6, 2:30pm in the hall
- 29/5 (Tue) ICAS Science
- 29/5 (Tue) Endicott Cup

## Whole School Assembly

Congratulations to 3/4M for successfully hosting our whole school assembly last Monday. It was wonderful to see the students address the assembly and use the microphone so clearly and with such confidence. I particularly enjoyed 3/4M's performance and Minto's constellation!

The next whole school assembly will be hosted by the school leaders on Monday 21 May (Week 4) at 2:30pm. Bronze and Silver awards will be presented as will the Cross Country ribbons for the 8/9, 10, 11 and 12/13 year races. All classes will be in attendance. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Other assembly dates for Term 2:

- Monday 21 May 2018—led by the School Leaders
- Monday 4 June 2018—**led by 1D and including a class item**
- Monday 18 June 2018—**no assembly (Book Week author visits)**
- Monday 2 July 2018—**led by 5/6T and including a class item**  
Swimming scheme certificates



5, 6 and 7 year cross country ribbon recipients

## Success on the sporting field!

### Girls Netball, Boys Touch Football and Boys Open Rugby League

Congratulations to Jessica M, Tyran M and Ioane S for successfully being selected to represent The Fields Zone Team in Girls Netball (Jessica), Boys Touch Football (Tyran) and Boys Open Rugby League (Tyran and Ioane). Good luck! We are sure you will do both Minto and The Fields Zone proud.

## Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the following awards.

### Bronze

Cooper T	4/5E
Isabella F	3/4M
Jessica S	4/5E
Aarham I	3/4M
Bonnie T	1D

### Silver

Bonnie T	1D
Sahil H	4/5E

### Gold

Tamzid H	3/4M
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## Working together in partnership with our parents and families Congratulations to the 2018 P&C executive!

The Minto Public School P&C held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and their second general meeting for 2018 on Wednesday 4 April.

Congratulations to Mrs Sunita Cheal, P&C President; Mrs Wendy Tamayo, P&C Vice President; Mrs Belinda Harris, P&C Vice President; Mrs Clarissa Brennen, P&C Secretary and Mrs Chan Thephavong, P&C Treasurer. The school and its community values your important contribution in this area. Thank you!

## P&C meetings are child friendly! Come along and join us!

Perhaps you were considering coming to P&C meetings but were unsure about whether you could bring your children? We wanted to clearly communicate that Minto P&C meetings are child friendly! Your child/ren is/are certainly welcome to attend. At meetings, they have a special area to play, read or draw next to where the adults meet.

**Our next meeting is tomorrow Wednesday 16 May at 3:30pm in the library.** The time has changed to better support regular members as well as new and interested parents to join, especially since it is now scheduled directly after school. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

## Great news—Canteen now open four days!

Our school canteen will now be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you to the wonderful parents who have volunteered to help out, your time is greatly appreciated.

## 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!**



## Supporting Stewart House

Stewart House is a non-profit organisation that provides respite accommodation for children. Minto Public School has been an ongoing supporter of this organisation for many years and we have had many students enjoy special time there. We ask that you support Public Education's 'Charity of Choice' in a number of ways and help celebrate Stewart House Day.

### We ask that you help us by:

- returning the Stewart House clothing bags by Wednesday 16 May 2018. (A clothing bag went home last week—one bag per family.)
- Complete and return the donation drive envelope, with a \$2 coin on or before Friday this 18 May 2018. Note—you will be eligible to go in a draw for a holiday valued at \$4,000. (Envelopes went home last week—one per family.)

Thank you in anticipation for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Mrs Harvey  
**NAPLAN**

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) during this week. The testing dates are today, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May 2018 (Term 2, Week 3). Parents of these students had a note sent home with them earlier this term. Any questions can be directed to myself or Miss Tickle, who will be coordinating the tests.

## Returning school clothing

On occasions, students may have an incident at school, where they require a change of clothing. New underwear that is issued cannot be returned, due to health regulations. However, it would be appreciated if you could supply the school with new, replacement underwear. Please also return any outer garments, such as track suit pants or dresses, after laundering.

## 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!

## Cash payments to the school office

Please ensure all payments are given to the office in an envelope.

**Please note, payments for multiple activities and siblings in the family can be included in one envelope.**

Eg. John Smith 5/6T	Zone \$10
Mary Smith 3/4M	Dance \$16
John Smith 5/6T	Dance \$16
<b>Total Cash included = \$42.00</b>	

Please place correct money for all activities and enclose in an envelope with signed permission slips for each activity. Please put the envelope into the letter box shute in the office, where it will then be processed. Any queries can be directed to Mrs Julie Stewart, Mrs Lander or Ms Wailes in the office.



## \$500 to help with education costs for you or your children

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  uniforms & shoes
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-  lessons & activities

To join Saver Plus you must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
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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**



## 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.

## Request for 2017 Annual Report

The 2017 Annual Report can be accessed from the school website [www.minto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.minto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). For families that do not have a computer and would like a printed copy, please use the slip below.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (oldest child in family) Class: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I request a printed copy of the school's 2017 Annual Report to be sent home with my child.

☐ I request an electronic copy be emailed to the following address.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent / Caregiver)