

Minto Public School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I wonder more about...

During a series of activities held late last year, there were a number of queries and clarifications that our families were wondering about. Some of these have been addressed in earlier newsletters but there are a number of items that require further clarification. I would like to take the opportunity to share a more full explanation of these.

1. Why there is 'no hat, no play'? This is a great question about a school rule however this is in fact **NOT** the actual expectation. **The expectation is 'NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE'**. This is supporting your child to be sun safe. Children without hats are expected to play under the COLA area in the front playground. This means that talking with friends and games such as handball, as well as those from the toy boxes, can still be played. The school's choice of hat also supports sun safety. A broad brimmed hat is the only included uniform option and we strongly encourage your child to wear this hat at all times when outside. The school hat is available from the office for the very reasonable price of \$10.

2. The school introducing singing and dance. We appreciate this feedback. As you know, Minto PS has had a strong singing opportunity for all students from Years 2–6 in the school choir. The choir has been very capably led by Miss Tishler for the past couple of years, including 2018, and has had a number of opportunities to perform at formal activities at school and also in the community.

Following on from last year's Indian dance group, the school has introduced a school dance troupe this term. After tryouts, the troupe is now practising their first dance to perform at Education Week and the 'Fire in the Fields' festival, to be held in Term 3. The school engaged a dance teacher for four weeks this term to support Ms Vaughn establish a strong, choreographed routine. We look forward to their performance.

Music and dance is also part of classroom programs in the key learning areas of Creative Arts and PD/H/PE.

Thank you for your great 'I wonders' and questions. I will ensure that all of these have been addressed as we progress through this term and next term. If you have other questions or clarifications that you would like the school to make, please do not hesitate to pop up to the office or send an email to the school address.

Ms Craze

Developing our school leaders

On Wednesday 23 May student leaders went to the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Olympic Park. The first activity we did was learn how to transform into better leaders. This included learning about the meaning of the word 'integrity', which is being honest and doing the right thing. Part of the activity was about being a 'BERRY' good leader. A straw**BERRY** leader is someone who is the same on the outside as they are on the inside, just like a strawberry. This means that they lead with integrity. Our last session was about positive changes. During this session Anoka was invited to go onstage and share our idea with everyone. Our visit to the GRIP Leadership Conference was amazing and an experience we will always remember.

By Romina and Anoka
School Captains, on behalf of the Student Leaders



Calendar

June

13/6 (Wed) ICAS Spelling
13/6 (Wed) 4/5E (only) Half Year Reports home
14/6 (Thur) ICAS Writing
15/6 (Fri) Gala Day—Round 2
18/6 (Mon) Author Visit—Day 1
18/6 (Mon) 4/5E (only) Parent / Teacher interviews
19/6 (Tue) Author Visit—Day 2
21/6 (Thurs) KV and KT excursion
26-27-28/6 Life Education visit
29/6 (Fri) Gala Day—Wet weather back up

June

2/7 (Mon) Whole school assembly—led by 5/6T, including a class item

Whole School Assembly

Congratulations to 1D for successfully hosting our last whole school assembly. Again, it was wonderful to see the students address the assembly and use the microphone so clearly and with such confidence. 1D's assembly item was enjoyed by all—I loved the 'wishy-washy' song!

The next whole school assembly will not be until Monday 2 July (as on Monday 18 June, we will be having the Book Week author visit). The assembly will be led by 5/6T and will include a class item. Bronze and Silver awards will be presented. All classes will be in attendance. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Other assembly dates for Term 2:

- Monday 18 June 2018—**no assembly (Book Week author visits)**
- Monday 2 July 2018—**led by 5/6T and including a class item**

Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the following awards. Apologies to Cooper T whose class was incorrectly recorded in the last newsletter.

Bronze

Cooper T	5/6F
Jannatul A	1D
Diya D	4/5E
Safeer H	1/2B
Sahil H	4/5E
Sanjay S	1D
Udhayveer C	3/4M
Abrar N	5/6F
Sean S	3/4M
Kaitlyn R	5/6T
Nuzaima A	3/4M
Anthony B	5/6F

Silver

Abrar N	5/6F
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Gold

Abrar N	5/6F
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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.

'Red Rattling' back in time!

Anoka T, Ms Craze and I represented Minto on Friday 4 May 2018, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the proclamation of the City of Campbelltown and the arrival of the first electrified train to Campbelltown on 4 May 1968.

It was exciting to step back in time and take a trip on the old 'Red Rattler' train from Glenfield Station to Campbelltown Station, accompanying the official party led by the Mayor, Cr George Bricevic. We were one of only eight schools who got to ride on the train as there were only these eight schools around in 1968! We saw a lot of differences to how we travel on the trains today! The windows and doors opened and closed manually—in fact that's how the 'Red Rattler' got its name, it was because the windows and shutters, when open, would rattle once the train got up some speed between the stations. The 'red' part was because the trains were all red in colour—just like our own train museum train. The train we were on was one of the Transport Heritage NSW trains. It was built in Newcastle and was ready for service on 4 October 1929. It was retired from service in January 1992.

Following the train journey re-enactment, we went to the Campbelltown Civic Hall for a reception with the Mayor. We saw some great old footage from long ago, including the actual train arriving in 1968! We received a certificate from the Mayor and enjoyed afternoon tea. It was an amazing opportunity to 'rattle back in time!'

By Romina A and Ms Craze



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!



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.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 went very smoothly. Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who sat the assessments! We anticipate test results will arrive and be sent home to parents in **mid to late August**. Any questions can be directed to Ms Craze or Miss Tickle.

School emergency drill

Tomorrow, Wednesday 13 June 2018, Minto PS will be practising our lock down drill. This is so students and teachers are familiar with the procedures in the event of an emergency occurring. Classes will revise the procedures for emergencies in readiness for this drill. I ask for your support of these drills by talking about them with your child/ren. The lock down sound is a 'beep beep' that fades up slowly for between 30 seconds to 1 minute. It is important for the safety of every member of Minto PS that these procedures are followed in a quiet, orderly and sensible manner. Thank you for your anticipated support.

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
Total Cash included = \$42.00	

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.

School Banking is returning to Minto Public School!

What you need to know:

Friday 22 June 9am—9:25am under the COLA.

A special Dollarmites visitor is coming to school to promote the relaunch of school banking at our school.

Parent Information Packs will be sent home.

Tuesday 26 June 8:30am—9:30am and 2:30pm—3:30pm under the COLA

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding two information and sign up sessions. This means you can organise your child's bank book then and there during one of these sessions.

Tuesday 3 July 9am—9:30am under the COLA

School Banking will officially begin at Minto Public School. Each week you need to bring your bank book to the table under the COLA, your book will be processed then handed straight back to you.



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

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
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**We warmly invite you to the
Minto Playgroup—flier below.**

Minto Playgroup **benevolent** SOCIETY

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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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 are 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 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. 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)