

# Minto Public School

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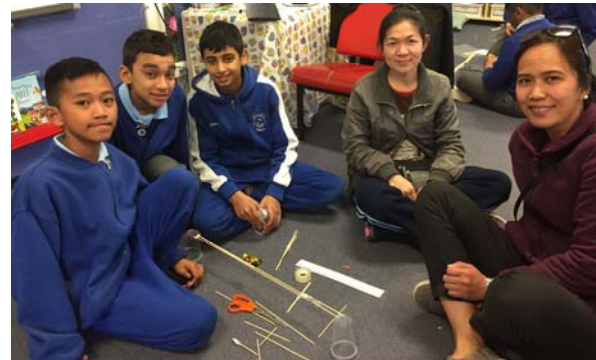
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Tuesday 21 August 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

## Education Week - 'Today's schools— creating tomorrow's world' Open Day a great success!

On Tuesday 7 August, Minto Public School welcomed the school community to share in the learning of their child/ren and the school. This special day was just a glimpse of what we do here every day and every week at Minto Public School. I would like to thank all of the parents and friends who joined us for part or all of Open Day. We were thrilled to see so many attendees at our assembly. The staff and myself were very pleased, and the children were excited, to have their family visit and take part in their learning. For the first time we also enjoyed a BBQ together, which was a great success! Thank you again to the whole staff for their hard work and commitment to the school, its students and their families. In particular, thank you to Miss Tishler and the choir for their beautiful songs, Miss Vaughn and the dance group for their wonderful performance and the Education Week committee for their great organisation! Please enjoy the beautiful photos following, capturing the joy of children sharing their learning.



## An opportunity to dress up... Book Week 2018

We will be holding the Book Week Parade and assembly this Thursday 23 August. Students are invited to come to school dressed supporting the theme of Book Week 'Find Your Treasure' (with the school focus as Kingdoms and Pirates). The parade and assembly will begin at 9:45am in the hall. We are looking forward to seeing some fabulous costumes and we hope to see you there!

### Calendar

#### August

- 21/8 (Tue) Debating—Round 4
- 21/8 (Tue) Endicott Cup from 3pm at SRHS
- 23/8 (Thur) Book Week Parade, 9:45am in the hall.
- 24/8 (Fri) Gala Day—Round 3
- 28/8 (Tue) Footy Colours Day—Year 6 fundraising—gold coin donation
- 29/8 (Wed) Father's Day Stall
- 30/8 (Thur) NAIDOC celebrations. Assembly commences 9:45am. All welcome.

#### September

- 3/9 (Mon) Zone Athletics Carnival Day 1—Track events
- 3/9 (Mon) Whole school assembly—led by 2/3K including a class item
- 4/9 (Mon) Zone Athletics Carnival Day 2—Field and 800m
- 6/9 (Thur) KT Woolworths Fresh Food Tour excursion
- 7/9 (Fri) Gala Day—Round 4
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## Whole School Assembly

Congratulations to KV for a wonderful assembly yesterday. Their 'Baby Shark' performance was very entertaining! It was also wonderful to see the students' perform their Footsteps dance learnt last term. It's a great idea to share with parents and families the culmination of this learning.

The next whole school assembly will be hosted by 2/3K on Monday 3 September at 2:30pm and include a class item. Bronze and Silver awards will be presented as will the ICAS certificates for Spelling and the 3—6 Athletics Carnival ribbons. All classes will be in attendance. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Other assembly dates for Term 3:

- Monday 17 September 2018—led by 1/2B and including a class item

## Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the following awards.

### Bronze

Madhusa R	1D
Vishaan K	5/6T
Parminder K	3/4M
Rachel S	3/4M
Sayal B	1D
Ruth A	4/5E
Sanaya P	3/4M
Kitiona S	3/4M
Neil N	5/6T
Tashkin H x 2	3/4M
Yim P	3/4M
Nathaniel P	3/4M
Gia B	3/4M
Gurleen C	KV
Shania I	1/2B
Vianca M	1D
Anshita S	5/6T
Cole W	3/4M
Aarham I	3/4M
Jaide C	3/4M
Alexis Y	3/4M
Shao-Leung H	4/5E
Avaani K	KV

### Silver

Sean S	3/4M
Raven M	4/5E
Annabel P	5/6T
Vianca M	1D

## Father's Day Stall

Minto Public School P&C are holding a Father's Day stall for students to purchase gifts for their Dad or another special person in their family. **It will be held next Wednesday morning, 29 August. Gifts range from 50c—\$10.**

## P&C News

### Updated canteen menu

Following a revision of the canteen menu, including

price increases passed on from suppliers and deleting items that are not as popular, as well as ensuring that the items we offer best reflect the healthy canteen guidelines, **the canteen have introduced an updated canteen menu from Wednesday 29 August.** A copy of the canteen menu is going home with this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support of our P&C run canteen.

## Canteen open three days only—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

The canteen has had to reduce their opening days due to the changed circumstances of the canteen volunteers. **The canteen is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only.** Please ensure your child brings their lunch and recess on Mondays and Tuesdays.

## 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 times there. Next week you will receive a Stewart House clothing bag. We ask that you support Public Education's 'Charity of Choice' by returning the Stewart House bags by Monday 10 September 2018. Please place returned bags to the foyer of the computer lab. Additional bags can be collected from the office. Thank you in anticipation for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Mrs Harvey

Stewart House organiser

[www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au) for your information

## Learning outside the classroom

There are a number of excursions and extra activities planned for second semester. These are valuable experiences for students as they enhance and support classroom programs. As part of school procedures, each excursion or special activity note has a **due date** for return to school. This procedure is to ensure the smooth organisation of the event including student attendance, transport, finance and WHS risk assessment. These due dates must be enforced. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late notes / payments. (The payment box in the office is cleared at 3:45pm on the closing date of activities.) Please ensure that you do not leave it until the closing date, in case of unforeseen circumstances. The school endeavours to give 3—4 weeks notice for activities that require payment. There are also regular messages given at morning assembly and in class and new notes issued to minimise any student missing out. Any concerns regarding the due date of activities should be discussed with your child's class teacher, the Assistant Principals or myself, **prior** to the last day for permission / payment. With prior notice, special arrangements can be made. Please note, student assistance is also available for excursions and special activities. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

## 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.

**Please note, the payment box in the office is cleared at 3:45pm on the closing date of activities.**

## School Banking has returned to Minto Public School! What you need to know:

**Tuesdays from 9am—9:30am under the COLA**

School Banking has officially begun at Minto Public School. Every Tuesday you will need to bring your bank book to the table under the COLA. Your book will then be processed and handed straight back to you.

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Minto Public School is currently finalising our return for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). The NCCD is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving. If you would like additional information about this process, a fact sheet explaining the NCCD further is available to view on:

<https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2018-nccd-fact-sheet-for-parents-and-carers-english.pdf>  
 or on the Minto Public School website.

## School contributions

At a Term 2 P&C meeting, the P&C members endorsed the voluntary school contributions for 2018. The donations will be used to provide educational resources and equipment for our students. The contribution is \$30.00 for one child or \$40.00 for two or more children. An additional note is available for the office. Your support of this request would be greatly appreciated.

## Kindergarten enrolments for 2019

Minto PS is currently accepting student enrolments for

Kindergarten 2019. This is in preparation for the orientation program to be held early in November. If you have a child who is turning five by 31 July 2019, they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten next year. Enrolment forms are available from the office. If you are aware of a family friend or neighbour who is new to the area or who does not currently have children at our school, and has a child eligible for enrolment in Kindergarten next year, please ask them to telephone the school or come up to the office to give their details.

## Caring for your child's health and safety School emergency drill

On Wednesday 29 August during one of the student breaks, Minto PS will be practising our evacuation from the playground drill. This is so students and teachers are familiar with the procedures in the event of an emergency occurring. Classes will be revising 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 evacuation sound, for students and teachers, is a continuous 'whoop whoop' sound. 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.

## Changes to Student information

If there are any changes to your child's circumstances e.g. phone numbers, emergency contacts, access, custody etc. that you think the school should be made aware of, please fill out an official form collected from the school office so details can be updated on our computer system and filed in your child's pupil record card.



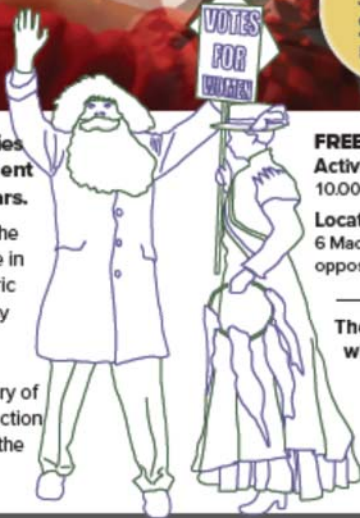
**Mr Douglas—  
BBQ**

**Extraordinaire!**



**Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.**

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving historical characters and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW.



**FREE ENTRY Activities**  
10.00 am to 3.00 pm  
**Location**  
6 Macquarie Street – opposite Martin Place

**The public café will be open.**



**FREE ENTRY • All Welcome**  
E: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au)  
Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

**GROUP BOOKINGS FOR 10 OR MORE ESSENTIAL**  
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# CHOOSE WATER as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, soft drink, sports drinks or cordials should not be given to your child everyday as they contain a lot of added sugar.

**HOW MUCH WATER SHOULD CHILDREN DRINK EVERY DAY?**

1-5 years	5x 250ml glasses = 1.25 litres	+ EXTRA WATER IF YOU ARE ACTIVE
6-12 years	6x 250ml glasses = 1.5 litres	



**NSW HEALTHY NORMAL**  
This resource has been developed by Western Sydney Local Health District, published October 2017



Be Prepared... for new adventure!



## 1st Ingleburn Scout Group

Challenging and inspiring young Australians to develop confidence, independence, team work, resilience, survival and leadership skills since 1924.

Boys and Girls welcome. So come along to have fun, adventures, make friends and learn new skills.



**For more information, please contact;**

Joeys, 6-8yrs, Diane @ 4627 1370  
Cubs, 8-10 yrs, Jacqui @ 9605 3949  
Scouts, 10-14 yrs, Tim @ 0412 611 798

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## An Evening with Maggie Dent "Adolescence Unplugged"

Monday 24 September from 7pm at St Patrick's College for Girls

Commonly known as the "queen of common sense", Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience.

Tickets are just \$10 each. Light refreshments served. Bookings are essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/WHBZ> go to [www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au](http://www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au)

This invitation is extended to the entire community.

