

Minto Public School

Care, Opportunity, Success

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to our readership

We are delighted to welcome the parents of Minto Public School to our 2019 newsletter readership. I hope you had a happy and restful break. We look forward to having you visit our school regularly throughout the year, continuing to forge a strong partnership with our school. A special welcome to our Kindergarten students and families, as well as our new families in Years 1–6.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members of staff—Miss Wyper, Miss Leussink and Mrs Cornish. It's great to have you on board! Congratulations to Mr Douglas, who was successful in gaining a permanent appointment with our school in the General Assistant role.

Term 1 is off to a great start

Thank you for your support with our changed class structures. After finalising classes on Monday, our year of learning is well underway and each of our classes has commenced their structures and routines that will underpin the quality teaching and learning that occurs each day.

I am pleased to confirm that we have been able to set up 9 classes this year with an enrolment of 211 students. The 2019 class structures are as follows;

KB	–	Mrs Binney
KT	–	Mrs Talevski
1/2B	–	Mrs Blechynden
1/2W	–	Miss Wyper
2/3L	–	Miss Leussink
3/4C	–	Mrs Cornish
3/4E	–	Mrs Burt
5/6F	–	Miss Fassolis
5/6M	–	Mr McDonald

Support program structures are as follows;

- Learning and Support (LaST) and English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) teachers—Mrs Harvey, Ms Benotic and Miss Tickle (M–F)
- Reading Recovery (RR) teacher— Mrs Harvey (as part of her timetable)
- Release from Face to Face (RFF) teachers— Mrs Martin (W–Th) and Mr Nicholson (Th)
- Teacher Librarian—Mrs Stewart (W–Th)

Administration

School Administration Manager (SAM)—Mrs Stewart
School Administration Officer—Mrs Lander (M–Th)
School Learning Support Officer—Miss Wailes (M–Th)
& School Administration Officer (Fri)
General Assistant – Mr Douglas (T and Th)
Cleaner – Mrs Edmondston

I take this opportunity to highlight that classes are **NOT** graded or made up on academic ability, that is, the highest achievers are NOT those in a particular class. I assure all parents that every class has a broad range of learning abilities and student needs. Teachers work to teach children at their individual point of need. Friendships are very important, however, a great friend does not always make a great learning partner. Class structures and size also influence school organisation. If you would like to discuss your child's class placement further, you are more than welcome to come and see me in the office.

Caring for your child's health and safety—Walking to and from school

As we are at the start of the new school year, it is a great time to remind students of safe travel to school. I ask for your support to discuss with your child/ren safe walking along the footpaths and safe crossing of the very busy Pembroke and Redfern Roads. I also request that you discuss with your child/ren stranger danger and safe travel to and from school. **In particular, please ensure you enter and exit the school via the pedestrian gate only. For the safety of all students, their families and staff, at no time should the staff car park be used for access.**

Campbelltown Council is also seeking our support in safe motoring in school zones. The safe conduct of motorists either driving through or parking in school zones is of paramount importance to our local community to ensure the welfare and safety of school children and other pedestrians during starting and finishing times.

Calendar

February

11/2 (Mon)	P&C meeting—3:45pm. All welcome .
19/2 (Tue)	Meet the Teacher—3:45
27/2 (Wed)	Minto CoS Swimming Carnival

March

1/3 (Fri)	Summer Gala Day #1—Years 3–6
5/3 (Tue)	Zone Swimming Carnival Heats
7/3 (Thur)	Zone Swimming Carnival Finals from 4pm
11/3–15/3	Swimming Scheme
12/3 (Tue)	Sydney South West Swimming Carnival
14/3 (Thur)	Selective High School Test
15/3 (Fri)	Summer Gala Day #2—Years 3–6
23/3 (Sat)	State Election—Minto PS is a polling place

Newsletter schedule

Newsletters are scheduled to go home each fortnight and will be filled with information about what is happening at the school. Newsletters will go home in weeks 4, 6, 8 and 10 during Term 1. In particular, please note the calendar dates for your diary.

Working together in partnership with our parents and families

The first P&C meeting for 2019

The first P&C meeting date is scheduled for next Monday 11 February 2019 at 3:45pm, in the library. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and caregivers to attend the P&C meeting to learn more about its role and the fantastic part it plays in supporting our school.

P&C AGM Postponed

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the advertised P&C AGM will need to be postponed. Families will be advised of the alternate AGM date as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

P&C meetings are child friendly!

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. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

Canteen News

This is a reminder that the canteen **has opened for business. Canteen days are Thursdays and Fridays.** Please ensure that your child remembers to bring both their lunch and recess to school on the other days (Monday—Wednesday).

Canteen volunteers required —URGENTLY

The canteen is managed by the P&C and manned by very dedicated volunteers. The more volunteers, the more days the canteen can open. I urge you to consider volunteering for the canteen. Training is provided and you will get to work with some fabulous ladies as well as support the children and their families. Your time and assistance would be very much appreciated. Please let myself or the office know if you are able to assist in our canteen.

Whole School Assembly

The first assembly will be hosted by the Year 6 school leaders on Monday 18 February (Week 4) at 2:30pm. All classes will be in attendance. The Sports House Captain badges will be presented. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Other assembly dates for Term 1:

Monday 4 March 2019—**Led by 5/6M and including a class item.**

Monday 18 March 2019—**Led by School Leaders**

Monday 1 April 2019—**Led by 5/6F and including a class item.**

A note from the library...

Borrowing

This year the borrowing day for 3/4C, 3/4E and KT will be Wednesday. 1/2B, 1/2W, 2/3L, 5/6M, 5/6F and KB classes will be Thursday. All students will need to bring in a library bag if they wish to borrow.

Students in K—2 can borrow two books.

Students in Years 3—6 can borrow three books.

Any students with overdue books from last year will need to return these before they can borrow.

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

Students from K—2 will be completing the reading challenge in their classroom with their teachers. They will read 30 books from the PRC list over Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Students from Years 3—6 will need to complete the reading challenge in their own time. They need to read 20 books over Terms 1, 2 and 3. Fifteen books need to be from the PRC list and the other five can be free choice books. More information about the PRC will be sent out soon.

Parent helpers

I am looking for some parents who are able to help in the library to shelve books. If you are able to help, please put your name down at the school office.

Mrs Jo Stewart, Teacher Librarian

School Hats!

Thank you to the students and families who have purchased and are wearing the broad brimmed school hat. It is pleasing to see that there are increasing numbers of students who wear it daily. We strongly encourage the wearing of the broad brimmed school hat by all members of the school community. The broad brimmed style is sunsafe and looks smart and is the **ONLY** hat option for school uniform. Thank you to the P&C who gifted all Kindergarten children a school hat as a special welcome to our school!

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. Thank you for your continued support.



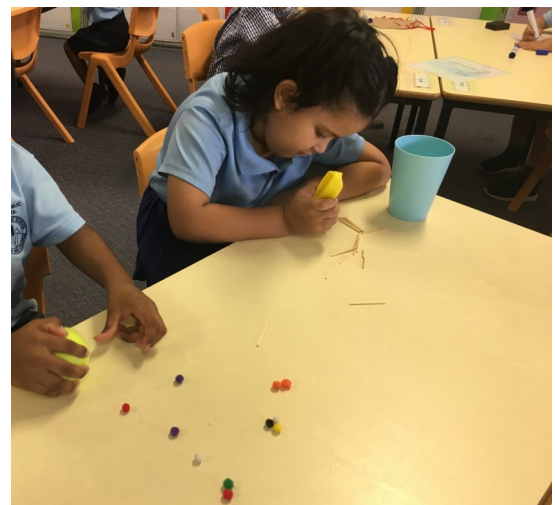
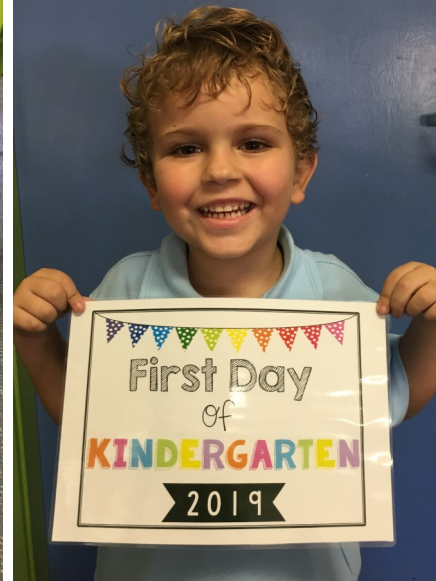
Staff Development Day Teacher Professional Learning

Teachers undertook professional learning on staff development day by engaging in a motivating and interactive address by Eddie Woo. Eddie is a passionate mathematician and educator in the Department of Education. He was awarded Australia's Local Hero in the 2018 Australia Day Awards and is known for his YouTube channel 'misterwootube'. We explored the mathematical dispositions of playfulness, exploration and creativity. Other activities during the day included discussions and updates on the school's Mathematics Scope and Sequence, led by Mrs Burt and a Positive Behaviour for Learning session, led by Ms Benotic and Miss Tickle.



Welcome to Kindergarten 2019!

Kindergarten has had a wonderful start to their learning journey. Please enjoy some images taken over the last week.



Are you a talented sportsperson? Zone Trials

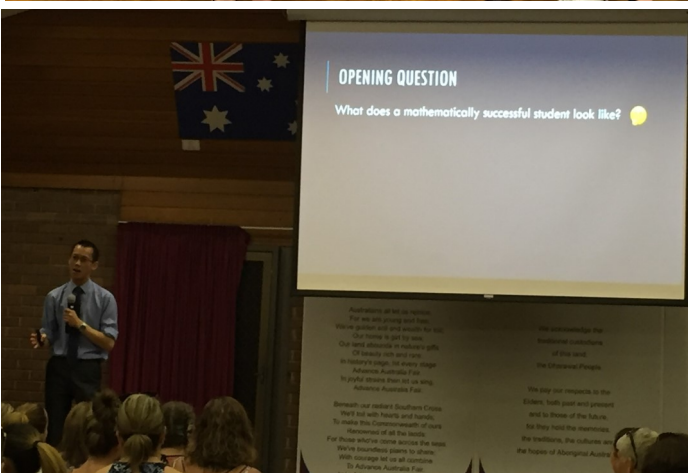
If your child excels in the following sports, then be sure to listen to announcements at our Monday assemblies and look out for notifications on our website and app. Alternatively, you can see Miss Fassolis for more information.

The following trials are being held in Term 1;

- Boys and Girls Football Trials (Soccer)
- U11 Rugby League Trials
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- AFL

The following trials are being held in Term 2;

- Open Rugby League Trials
- Boys and Girls Softball Trials
- Boys and Girls Hockey Trials
- Rugby Union Trials
- Boys and Girls Touch Football Trials
- Netball



What does a mathematically successful student look like?

Save the Date: Come and 'Meet the Teacher!'

Tuesday 19 February 2019 from 3:45pm

At Minto Public School we value the opportunity to get to know our families and to strengthen our partnership for the benefit of our students. We have planned a 'Meet the Teacher' for Tuesday 19 February starting at 3:45pm. A flyer will be coming home next week with additional information. We look forward to seeing you there!

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to myself. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Ms Craze

We warmly invite you to the Minto Playgroup—flier below. The playgroup will recommence soon. We will keep you updated.

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 Performing Arts High School
Beverley Road, Campbelltown

Year 7, 2020 Information Evening
12th February, 2019 at 6.00pm

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School will be holding a Year 8 Information Evening on 12 February, 2019 for all prospective students or those interested in attending our high school in the future.

This evening will provide you with an opportunity to:

- see our innovative, integrated Year 7 curriculum in action, in purpose-built learning spaces.
- meet key personnel
- develop an understanding of the school's key directions and programs.
- tour the school's state-of-the-art facilities
- gain information about the enrolment and audition process.

Auditions for Year 7, 2020 will be held on the
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th April, 2019.

Application forms will be available on this evening or our school
Website: www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au

Audition applications close 15th March, 2019.

For more information please call our Performing Arts Faculty on
02 4625 1403.



REGISTRATION days



It's that time of year again!

The netball season is on its way,

so it's time to register for another funfilled netball season!



BOYS WELCOME
4 - 12 YEARS

REGISTRATION FEES

Seniors \$220 (for players turning 18 in 2019)

Juniors \$190 (10 - 17 year olds)

Nettas \$140 (4 - 9 year olds)

*New Players need ID (B/C, Passport, Licence)

NO WEEKLY GAME FEES!

Sunday 10 Feb 2019

10.00am - 3.00pm

Rebel Sport Mac Square

Wednesday 6 Feb 2019 and

Thursday 14 Feb 2019

5.30pm - 8.30pm

Woodbine McDonalds

Party Room



\$70 Dress
\$40 Nettas

SAVE \$100 WITH NSW
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Family Discounts Available!

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www.bluejaysnetball.com.au



Bluejays Netball Club



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