



Minchinbury Public School

13 February 2015

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19 February

3 March

14 March

Investiture Assembly

Athletics Carnival

Working Bee at MPS

Principal's Message

What an exciting time we've had in the last two weeks!

Last Wednesday we had a morning tea for our families in the hall. Over 65 parents, carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and other family members came together. It was wonderful to see how supportive our community is of our school, and how willing families are to assist their children and the life of the school. Thank you to Mrs Woods, our P&C President, and Mrs Freeman, our P&C Treasurer, for coordinating the morning tea. Thank you to Mrs Felila, our Community Liaison Officer, for informing us about the upcoming community events organised for our school.

Yesterday we had our P&C AGM. I would like to thank the community members for attending. Our P&C executive team for this year is:

President

Mrs Angela Woods

Secretary

Mrs Nida Khan

Treasurer

Mrs Kim Freeman

Fundraising Coordinators

Mrs Filiz Mentesh & Mrs Yousaf

I am very excited to be working with such a motivated P&C. There is more information about events planned for term 1 later in this newsletter. There are opportunities for Minchinbury families to come together.

Wednesday afternoon we held our Twilight Swimming Carnival. Students, teachers and families came together to cheer on our swimmers. Thank you to Mr McKenzie for coordinating this valuable event. It was also great to see our House Captains by the side of the pool to support their house teams. If you want to feel like you were at the carnival then have a look at our Facebook page. We had our very own journalists reporting on the event.

Kind regards,

Miss R. Webster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 Feb	Hindi community meeting
18 Feb	Student banking commences
19 Feb	Investiture Assembly
20 Feb	Tagalog community meeting
23-27 Feb	Best Start Interviews
27 Feb	Pacifica community meeting

Feel good story of the week

Thank you to the anonymous person who handed in Marko's wallet this week.

There was money inside the wallet but our marvellous Minchinbury member handed the wallet in with the money still inside!

This is why Minchinbury is such a great place to be.

School Uniforms

Minchinbury PS is a uniform school. Students are expected to come in full school uniform every day, including a school hat. All items needed for the Minchinbury Public School uniform can be purchased from Lowes at Mt Druitt.



School Gates

It is vital that anybody on our school grounds is safe at all times. It is important that everybody observes safety conscious practices when entering and leaving Minchinbury Public School. For this reason our school gates will open and close at specific times.

Pedestrian gates at the front of the school will open at 8.15am.

Pedestrian gates at the back of the school will open at 8.15am and close at 9.15am. They will reopen at 2.30pm and close at 3.15pm.

The school car park is for the use of staff and deliveries **ONLY**.

No parents are to park in the staff and deliveries car park.

No pedestrians are to enter or leave the school via the car park gates.

Please drive safely around our school at all times.

Canteen helpers required

We invite community members to volunteer as canteen helpers in term 1 of 2015. If you are able to assist in the canteen please leave your name and contact number with the front office staff.



Working with Children Check

It is a requirement that any volunteers working in schools are to complete a Working with Children Check. This applies to community members working in the canteen, in classrooms, in the playground, providing scripture instruction or any other activity that involves working with our students.

Please see the office staff for the documentation that must be completed.

2015 Term 1 Term Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
3	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb P&C AGM Twilight Swimming Carnival	12 Feb AFL visit	13 Feb S1 & S3 Assemblies PSSA tryouts Hindi community meeting	14/15
4	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb Investiture Assembly	20 Feb ES1 & S2 Assemblies PSSA tryouts Tagalog community meeting	21/22
5	23 Feb Best Start Interviews	24 Feb Best Start Interviews	25 Feb Best Start Interviews	26 Feb Best Start Interviews	27 Feb Best Start Interviews PSSA tryouts Clean Up Australia Day S1 & S3 Assemblies Pacifica community meeting	28/1 Mar
6	2 Mar Family Week	3 Mar Athletics Carnival	4 Mar Student Leaders Conference	5 Mar Zone Swimming	6 Mar ES1 & S2 Assemblies School Sport/ PSSA training Arabic community meeting	7/8 Mar
7	9 Mar <i>Exec Meeting</i>	10 Mar <i>Admin Meeting</i> Athletics Carnival (backup date)	11 Mar <i>Stage Meeting</i> P&C Meeting	12 Mar SHS Test	13 Mar School Sport/PSSA training S1 & S3 Assemblies English community meeting	Sat 14 Working Bee at MPS
8	16 Mar 9.30-11 RHHS leader visit	17 Mar Cross Country	18 Mar	19 Mar Bandaged Bear Breakfast	20 Mar Harmony Day (Stage 2 @ RHHS) ES1 & S2 Assemblies	21/22
9	23 Mar	24 Mar Cross Country (backup date)	25 Mar S2 Brewongle excursion	26 Mar S2 Brewongle excursion	27 Mar School Sport/ PSSA training S1 & S3 Assemblies (honour)	Sat 28 NSW State Election
10	30 Mar Year 1-6 P/T Interviews	31 Mar Year 1-6 P/T Interviews	1 Apr Easter Parade	2 Apr ES1 & S2 assemblies (honour)	3 Apr Good Friday	4/5

School holidays: 3 April 2015 until 19 April 2015



Term 2 Staff Development Day: Monday 20 April 2015

Minchinbury Public School Stage Information

<p><u>Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)</u></p> <p>Students need to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4 plastic document envelope for homework • 2 glue sticks • Box of tissues • Pump pack of liquid soap • Painting shirt • Library bag (please use green 'School A-Z' bag you received during the orientation program) <p>Sport day: Thursday</p> <p>Excursion: To Golden Ridge Animal Farm. During term 2 or term 3. Cost – TBA</p> <p>Homework: To be sent home on Monday and returned to school on Friday.</p> <p>Special notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please label all items including clothing, lunch boxes, bags etc. • No textas are used in Kindergarten • With your child please monitor his/her possessions • Students must be picked up from the teacher by a parent/caregiver or specified responsible person. 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2)</u></p> <p>Students need to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small pencil case with lead and coloured pencils • Pencil sharpener • Glue stick • Wooden ruler (Year 2 only) • Paint shirt • Box of tissues • Paper towels • Library bag on library day • A4 homework book • A4 plastic document envelope <p>Sport day: Tuesday</p> <p>Excursion: To Belgenny Farm. During Term 2. Cost - TBA</p> <p>Homework: To be sent home on Monday and returned to school on Friday. This includes reading a home reader every night.</p> <p>Special notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must be picked up from the teacher by a parent/caregiver or specified responsible person.
<p><u>Stage 2 (Year 3 & Year 4)</u></p> <p>Students need to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead pencils • Coloured pencils or twistable crayons • Pencil sharpener • Eraser • Blue and red pens • A4 document envelope • 30cm ruler • Library bag • Paper towels • 2 boxes of tissues <p>PE: Wednesday</p> <p>Sport day: Friday (students must bring a water bottle and hat)</p> <p>Excursion: 25 & 26 March (students will attending one of these days) to Brewongle. Cost - TBA</p> <p>Homework: To be sent home on Monday and returned to school on Friday. This includes reading every night.</p>	<p><u>Stage 3 (Year 5 & Year 6)</u></p> <p>Students need to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead pencils • Coloured pencils or twistable crayons • Pencil sharpener • Eraser • Blue, black and red pens • 30cm ruler • Library bag • Paper towels • 2 boxes of tissues • Glue stick • Book to read in class (preferably a novel) • Headphones (3.5mm jack) <p>Sport day: Friday (students must bring a water bottle and hat)</p> <p>Excursion: 15 – 17 July – Stage 3 camp. Cost - \$275.</p> <p>Homework: To be sent home on Monday and returned to school on Friday. This includes reading every night.</p> <p>Special notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSSA – students involved in soccer and touch football need to purchase a jersey for \$35.



P&C News

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What did our P&C do for MPS in 2014?

Purchased 10 iPads
Purchased 6 marquee tables
Purchased photo frames for the school
Donated \$500 to the library
Donated \$500 to the music program
Donated \$500 to the sport program
Donated \$500 to the Year 6 Farewell
Donated \$300 to Movember Day

What is our target for 2015?

To get technology into classrooms

Upcoming events for this term

Event: Working Bee
When: Saturday 14 March 2015 between 9am and 3pm
What: To enhance the physical environment of the school, including gardening and tidying
Who: Anybody who is willing to lend a hand.
Food: The P&C will provide a BBQ on the day to say thank you to all those who helped.

Event: Easter Raffle
When: To be drawn Monday 30 March 2015
Who: Anybody who is willing to lend a hand and / or buy some tickets

Event: NSW State Election BBQ at MPS
When: Saturday 28 March 2015
What: To sell bbq food, drinks and other items to raise money for our school
Who: Anybody who can work the bbq, serve drinks, lend a hand to prepare for the day or on the day

There will be more information about these events and how you can lend a hand in the next newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 9.15am** in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Minchinbury Public School Working Bee

Yes, I am able to come to the Working Bee on Saturday 14 March 2015.

Name: _____ Contact number: _____

Including yourself, how many adults will there be on the day? _____ How many children? _____

Approximately what time will you be at the Working Bee? _____

Please return this completed slip to the office.

MPS Twilight Swimming Carnival



Notes home

Date	Grade	Title of note
28 January 2015	Year 5 & Year 6	Stage 3 Overnight Excursion
28 January 2015	Year 6	Year 6 Shirts 2015
28 January 2015	Year 5 & Year 6	Stage 3 2015 Information
28 January 2015	Year 5 & Year 6	Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT)
3 February 2015	All families	Recognising and Building a Stronger Community
10 February 2015	Kindergarten	Parent/Teacher Interviews
12 February 2015	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	ICAS information

Notes sent home will have a deadline for payments and for notes to be returned to the school. No payments or notes will be accepted after the deadline has passed. If you will not be able to meet the deadline and wish your child to be involved in the 'note activity' you must see the office **BEFORE** the deadline has passed.

Email update

We are looking towards moving the newsletter from a hard copy format to a fortnightly emailed newsletter. As we prepare for this it is important that we have current email addresses. If you have changed your email addressed please complete the slip below and return it to the office.

Child's name: _____ Child's class: _____

Your name: _____

Your email address: _____