



# Minchinbury Public School

20 August 2019

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**Wednesday 21 August @ 2pm: Book Week Parade**

**Monday 26 August: Stage 2 Excursion to Brewongle**

**Wednesday 28 August: P&C Father's Day Stall**

**Monday 2 September: Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm**

## Principal's Message

Here is another newsletter full of exciting events that have happened, or about to happen, at Minchinbury. Please have a good look through the newsletter and don't forget to have a look at our website.

### PSSA Grand Final

Some of our teams have qualified for a PSSA grand final.

**Touch Football Grand Finals** will be held at Heber Park on Friday 23 August.

Girls Touch Football: Minchinbury Purple vs Tregear @ 3.40pm

Boys Touch Football: Minchinbury Purple vs Rooty Hill @ 4.25pm

**Soccer Grand Finals** will be held at Heber Park on Friday 23 August.

Junior A Soccer: 3.40pm

Junior B Soccer: 4.20pm

Feel free to come along and cheer on our teams.

### Student conferences

This year we are implementing student conferences. This is an opportunity for students to take the lead in communicating their learning to their families and their teachers. More information is in this newsletter. Notes will be sent home about this later in the week.

Kind regards,

*Miss Rebecca Webster*

*Principal*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

21 Aug:	2pm Book Week Parade
22 Aug:	2pm Stage 2 assembly
23 Aug:	2pm Stage 1 assembly; PSSA Grand Finals
26 Aug:	Stage 2 excursion
28 Aug:	Father's Day Stall
29 Aug:	2pm Stage 3 assembly
30 Aug:	2pm Kindergarten assembly
2 Sep:	Kindergarten excursion; Zone Athletics Carnival
2 – 6 Sept:	Student conferences after school

To celebrate Eid, one of our beautiful families bought treats for the MPS staff. What a generous and thoughtful gift!

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

# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## Touch Football Gala Day

Undefeated touch footy gala day champions! Five wins and zero losses for each team. Well done Minchinbury students! You all did an AMAZING job!

Mr Fitzgerald  
Proud Coach 🏈🏈



## K-2 Sports Day

Congratulations to all of our amazing K-2 students for participating in our K-2 Sports Day. It was a wonderful day, attended by many community members. Thank you to Miss Terrazzolo and the K-2 teachers for organising a great day.

More photos on our website.





# P&C News

President: Karen Pochodyla

Vice President: Joanne Shields

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## Father's Day Stall – Wednesday 28 August 2019

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 28 August**.  
Gifts range from \$1- \$6. The stall is organised by the Minchinbury P&C.

If you would like to help run the stall from 8:50am-11am on the day, please contact our school office. The office will pass your details onto our P&C President, Karen Pochodyla.

All students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts from the stall in the morning.  
Remaining stock will be sold from 2.30pm, near the school canteen, until sold out.

Below is a list of the available gifts. As you can see, there are a variety of gifts available. If some gifts sell out then there are plenty of others for students to choose from.

<p><b><u>\$1</u></b></p> <p>Cards</p> 	<p><b><u>\$4</u></b></p> <p>Car money box 4 in 1 tape measure Socks Hanging message plaques Notebook &amp; pen Jigsaw puzzle Screwdriver set</p>
<p><b><u>\$2</u></b></p> <p>Car air freshener Dad pen Grandpa pen Gift bag Mints</p>	<p><b><u>\$5</u></b></p> <p>Metal number plate Dad photo frames Grandpa photo frames Men's necklace &amp; leather wristband Snowglobe photo frames</p>
<p><b><u>\$3</u></b></p> <p>Playing cards Magnetic notebook &amp; pen Grandfather key ring Dad key ring Yo-yo Frisbee</p>	<p><b><u>\$6</u></b></p> <p>Dad mug and coaster set Grandpa mug and coaster set Tall glass Thermal travel mug Funny man massager</p>

Thank you for your support of the P&C and the students of Minchinbury Public School.

MPS P&C 2019

22 August 2019

# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## Library News

### Book Fair

Our annual book fair has begun. It opened last week and the last day for the book fair will be Wednesday 21 August (tomorrow). Come to our library and have a look.



## Book Week Parade: Wednesday 21 August 2pm

Theme:

Reading is my secret power



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**K-6 BOOK WEEK PARADE – WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2019**  
Parade at 2.10pm  
Theme: “Reading is my secret power”



Book Week is in two weeks. We would like to see as many students as possible dressing up on Wednesday. Minchinbury Public School staff are getting their costumes ready!

We are having a school parade commencing at 2.10pm under the COLA to celebrate Book Week. We would love to have parents, younger brothers and sisters, grandparents, family and friends come and help us celebrate.

After the parade, please feel free to go the library to take a look and purchase books available at the Book Fair.

Our Book Fair will be in the library Friday 16 August, Monday 19 August to Wednesday 21 August and will be open before school 8.30 - 9am and after school from 3 - 3.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

The Book Week Committee  
8 August 2019

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## Library Donation

Thank you to OfficeMax for donating this amazing piece of equipment to our library.

This is a Maker Space – Store and Charge Bench Set.

We are so lucky to have such generous supporters in our community. Thank you!



# Team KD!

*What an amazing year it has been so far!*



*We had so much fun acting out 'The Very Cranky Bear'*

*We've celebrated being safe at school.*



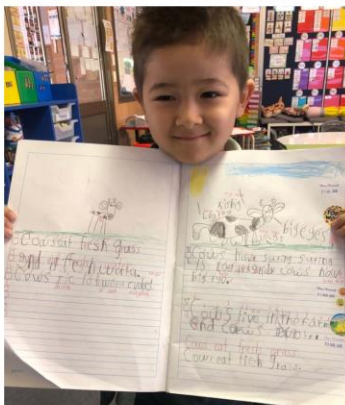
*We LOVED making some yummy salad sandwiches after learning about healthy habits in PDH.*

*We've made great friendships!*

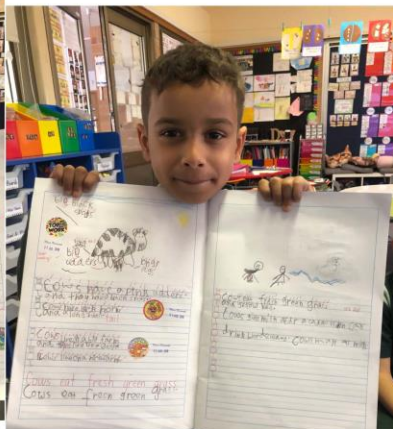
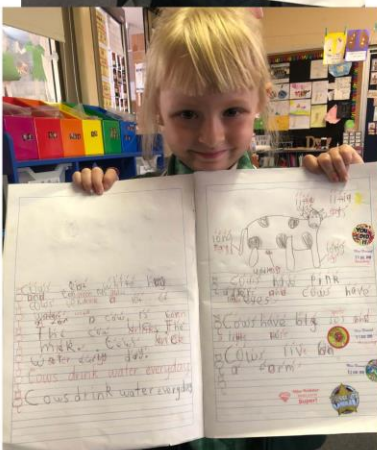


*We had the BEST day celebrating 100 days of Kindergarten!*

*This term, we have been fortunate to receive new flexible furniture. We are very excited to become flexible learners!*



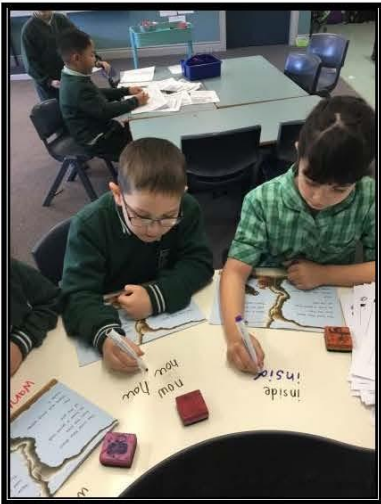
*We've been learning about portraits and drew some amazing self-portraits!*



*We've been learning about informative texts. This term we have learnt and written some great facts about farm animals!*



# 1T Literacy



1T have been working hard during literacy group activities. They use a checklist to make sure they have completed all tasks in a set time frame.

We are enjoying the use of our new whiteboard table for our reading group activities!



1T have been focussing on writing opinions about characters from different texts.

We are listing many qualities about these characters that help us to form an opinion of a character.

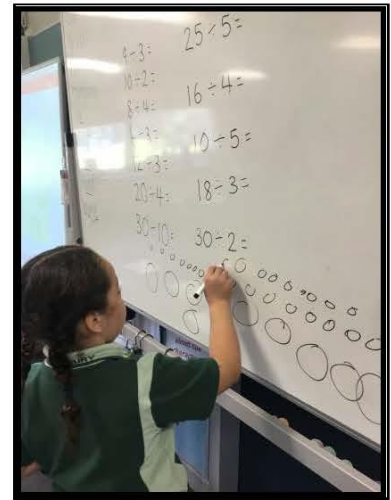
We are using the language of opinion in our writing, such as 'I think', 'I feel' and 'I believe'.





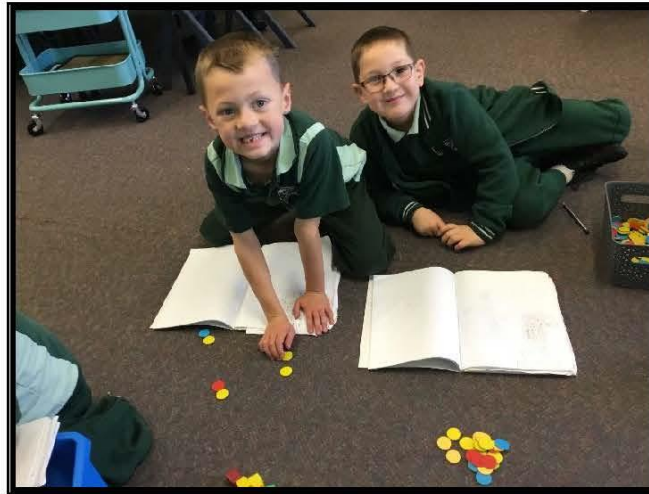
# 1T Numeracy

1T students enjoy hands-on learning experiences during their numeracy lessons. Here are a few of us in action around the classroom!



## FRACTIONS

We made super-supreme pizzas then cut them into halves and quarters.



## DIVISION

We used counters and blocks to divide a large amount of objects into smaller equal groups.







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# MINECRAFT (For parents)

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## MINECRAFT

### What is Minecraft?

Minecraft is a video game where players are given a 3D world to create and adapt as they see fit. It is popular with primary school-aged children, but is played by millions of people of all ages from all over the world. It's like a huge virtual sandbox in which players use a variety of tools to gather resources

from the environment and use them to build structures and craft tools. Players can create weapons and armour to fight monsters and interact with other players.



### What devices can Minecraft be played on?

The original version of Minecraft is available for Windows, Mac, and Linux computers. A console version

is available on the PS3, PS4, PS Vita, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. There is a condensed 'pocket edition' of Minecraft for phones and tablets running Android, iOS and Windows Phone.

### How do children interact with other players?

Players can interact with other players in several ways when playing Minecraft. While you can play offline and play on your own, players can also join small private servers where a group of friends play cooperatively online, or huge servers with thousands of players from all over the world.

To play Minecraft you need a username, and players select their own username to identify them in the game. If you want to restrict your interaction with others, it's important players know their friends' usernames, and vice versa, so they know who they are playing against.

### What are the benefits of playing Minecraft?

When played alone, Minecraft is a game that enhances creativity and

problem-solving skills. It can help children with their reading, writing, maths, and basic geometry. Played online with others, it can encourage teamwork and improve social skills.

### What are the potential problems with Minecraft?

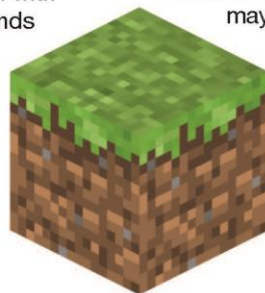
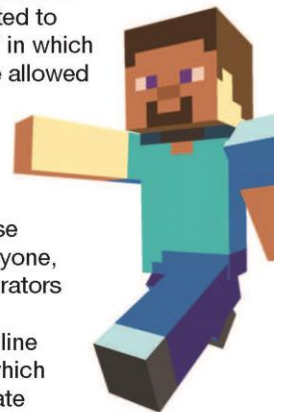
As with any online environment, children playing Minecraft online may be exposed to undesirable content or malicious individuals. Players can message each other privately or participate in a public chat with all other players connected to the same server. (A server is like a 'room' in which the game is played in, so only the people allowed into the room can play and everyone within that room can see what everyone else is doing.)

Bullying, swearing and rudeness are not uncommon in online gaming and, because servers in Minecraft can be hosted by anyone, there's no guarantee that server administrators will moderate the chat or stop negative behaviour when a complaint is made. Online gaming may also be an environment in which young people are exposed to inappropriate content or unwanted contact from adults for exploitative purposes.

### Can I restrict who my child plays Minecraft with?

If your child plays on a server administered by someone you don't know, then you have no control over who your child plays with. Some servers may have hundreds or even thousands of players on them.

If your child wants to play online with their friends we recommend they play on a server administered by a trusted adult, such as a parent. Whitelisting mode (where only players on the approved list, the 'whitelist', can access the server)





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should be turned on and configured to ensure that only your child and their friends are provided with access to the server that they play on.

Advice on how to configure a private server, or how to purchase hosting through a third-party, can be found at [minecraft.net](http://minecraft.net).

## Disabling the chat function

Chat can be disabled in multiplayer mode by selecting **Options > Multiplayer Settings** and clicking on the chat button to toggle it between 'Shown', 'Hidden', and 'Commands Only'.

By setting the chat function to hidden, your child will not be able to see private messages or the public chat.

## Disabling multiplayer mode

In single player mode, a user does not interact with other users of the game; however, you can still access the multiplayer mode and enable online play with others. The ability to access this multiplayer mode cannot be disabled.

## Downloading 'mods'

Mods are user-created files which modify the game by adding new features or changing existing features. Mods are not inherently dangerous; however some malicious users attach viruses and other malware to the mod files they post online. If your child wants to download mods for Minecraft, we recommend that they only download them from reputable websites and that the files are scanned by up-to-date anti-virus software.

## What can I do if another player is harassing my child?

Server administrators are able to control which players are given access to multiplayer servers. You should contact the server administrator for the specific server that your child plays on and report the abuse to them. However, it is up to the server administrator to determine what action should be

taken. While some servers have strict rules and codes of conduct for players, others may operate with no rules.

If you are unhappy at the response from the administrator you should consider having your child move to another server with more strictly enforced rules, or hosting your own server for your child and their friends to play on privately.

## More information

The Minecraft website ([minecraft.net](http://minecraft.net)) contains further information on the game and links to further resources.



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## Notes home

Date	Grade	Title of note
8 August 2019	All students	K-6 Book Week Parade
15 August 2019	5D students	Book Week Parade Cake Stall
15 August 2019	All students	Book Week Parade Cake Stall

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 contact the office **BEFORE** the deadline has passed.



# PBL

This fortnight's Behaviour Focus is:

## Using Equipment Safely



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### **MPS Student Conferences – 2 September to 6 September 2019**

Dear families,

MPS is implementing student conferences to allow our students to demonstrate accountability for their learning, articulate their learning and share their journey towards achieving their self-set learning goals. This is the first time that we have put this into place and we are really hoping that we see as many families at our school as possible.

#### **What is a student conference?**

A student conference is a formal discussion between a student, a teacher and a parent/carer. The student takes the central role in leading the discussion. The student will share his/her learning goals and discuss his/her progress towards achieving the goals. The teacher is there to facilitate the discussion.

**This is not a parent/teacher interview.** It is an opportunity for your child/children to discuss his/her learning journey. All students set learning goals at the beginning of each term. At the end of each term, students reflect and evaluate their attainment of learning goals.

MPS has an online booking system for the student conferences. This is the same system that we used for parent/teacher interviews. This allows families to book an interview time instantly using the internet.

**Our student conferences will be held in week 7 of this term on Monday 2 September, Tuesday 3 September, Wednesday 4 September, Thursday 5 September and Friday 6 September 2019. Conference times range between 3.20pm and 5.40pm. Conference timeslots will be 10 minutes.**

Teacher availability is recorded on this system. When parents/carers log in to book a time they will be able to see the days and times available to them.

If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, please contact the classroom teacher to arrange an alternate conference time outside the allocated schedule.

If you don't have internet access or have any questions about this online booking system, please contact the school office on 9832 1488.

Please follow the instructions on the back of this note. If you have any questions or need some assistance, please call the school office.

Rebecca Webster  
Principal  
22 August 2019

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# MPS Notifications

## MPS School Gates

Our school gates will be closed during the day for the safety of our students.

Back gate: Open at 8.20am. Closed and locked at 9.15am. Opened at 2.40pm.

Front gate: Open at 8.15am. Closed but not locked at 9.20am. Opened at 2.40pm.

**Please note that the car park is only to be used by staff members. Families dropping their children at school are not to do so in the staff car park. This is for Work Health and Safety reasons.**

**Please do not walk with your child/children through the staff car park. We have two gates at the front of the school – one with stair access and one with ramp access.**

## Road Safety – Bus Stop and Stopping Zones

Please pay attention to the road rules and signs outside of our school gates.

There is an area at the front of the school for families to drop students off.

Please do not drop students off next to the grey metal fence. This is not safe. Drive further up the road so that when students open the door they are able to step straight on the footpath rather than be on the road.

There is a bus stop across the road from the front gate. Please do not park in the bus stop.



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

