



# Minchinbury Public School

16 October 2020

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**22 October: Book Week Dress Up Day**

**26 October – 30 October: Parent/Teacher Interviews via phone**

## Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone!

We are all hoping for a settled and 'normal' Term 4. This is the term with lots of exciting events and celebrations. We will absolutely try to share with community as much as possible. However, at the moment we are still following guidelines set out by the Department of Education that keep us as safe as possible. This does mean that physical parent/carer and school interaction is still limited.

### Parent/Teacher Phone Interviews

Early next week, all parents/carers will receive notification about our parent/teacher interviews. These will be held in the week beginning Monday 26 October and will be held via phone. Parents/carers will be able to book a time slot. Teachers will then call parents/carers to discuss their child.

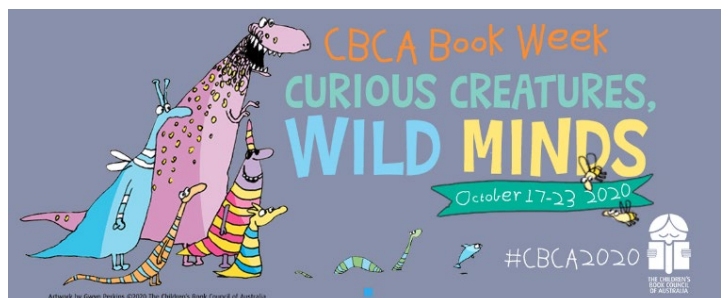
### Book Fair and Book Week Dress Up Day

Our Book Fair is currently in the library. Students have the opportunity to have a look at the items. Parents/carers are able to view the books online and then make purchases.

This year's Book Week theme is *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*. We would love as many students as possible to dress up on Thursday 22 October. We are unable to have a parade. However, that doesn't prevent us from displaying our wild minds!!!

### 2021 Kindergarten

If you have, or know of, any children who may be attending MPS next year in Kindergarten, please contact our school office. We are currently preparing Kindergarten information.

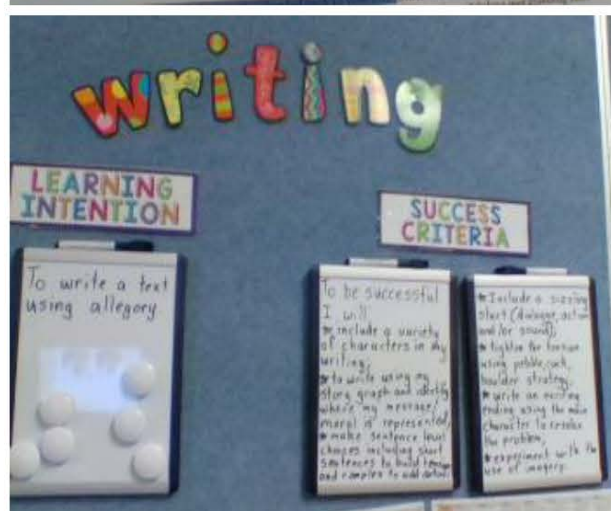
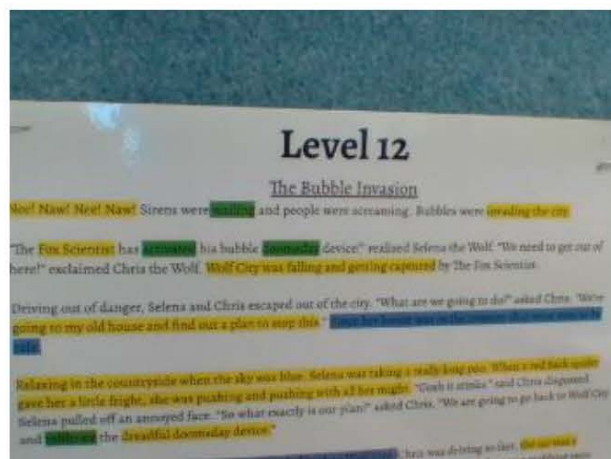


Due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold our Kindergarten transition and orientation program as we normally would. We will be communicating with families about the 'new look' of our program. Keep your eyes open for information being distributed in the next week.

*Miss Rebecca Webster*  
*Principal*

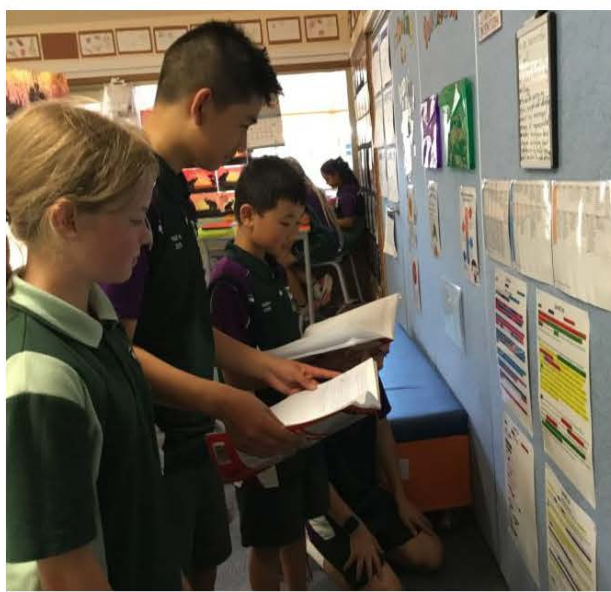
# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## Newsletter Items 5/6D



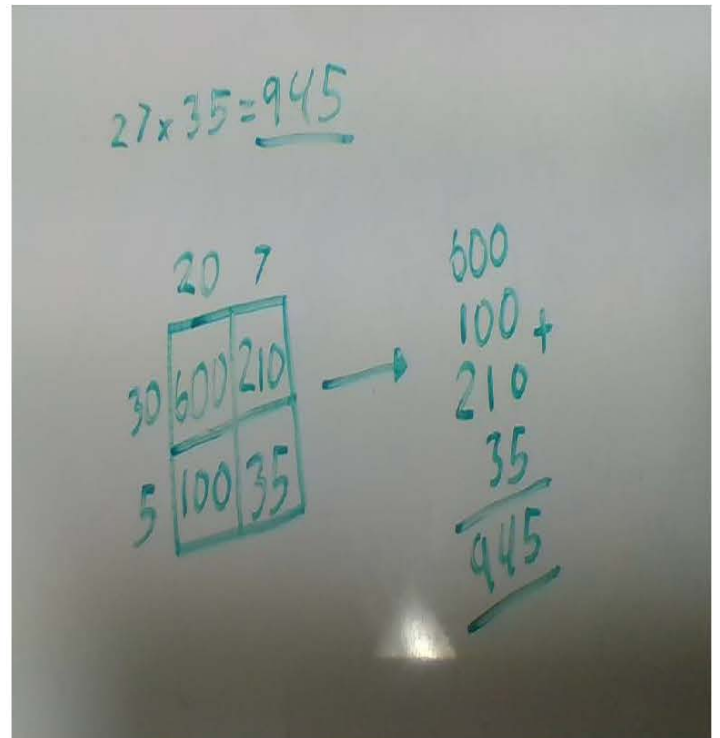
### Newsletter Piece Lincoln:

In 5/6D, we have been focusing on allegory writing, which is writing a narrative with a life lesson or moral. All the students were assigned the task of creating a writing piece in Weeks 1, 5, and 9. Each piece is assessed by ourselves using our writing wall and Miss Mackey. She then put the information on a rubric for each student to look at. They could then use that information to better equip their future writing skills. Every single student has learned a lot from this experience, and has expanded their knowledge and vocabulary massively!



### Newsletter Piece Keeley:

In math in 5/6D, we have been focusing on learning how to use the area model strategy correctly for multiplication. All the students have been learning this strategy for the past week and from what I have seen, everyone has shown some incredible improvement. This can really help us find an easier strategy to use other than the written algorithm or any other strategies when multiplying.



## Camp Australia News

Camp Australia have removed their “Flexible Booking Options” (Gold, Silver, and Blue account structure) (“FBO”) and returned to a simple, single ‘Recurring booking’ option at Minchinbury Public School OSHC. This began on Monday, 12th October 2020.

The decision to remove FBO is driven by Camp Australia’s commitment to be customer led.

Earlier this year, Camp Australia undertook research to hear directly from parents regarding Camp Australia’s booking options. In these sessions, they heard overwhelming feedback that FBO were confusing and too complex and if they returned to their previous simplified booking options, it would create a more parent friendly booking experience.

This research informed the design of their new Parent Portal set to launch in December for all families. This new Parent Portal will significantly improve the way parents can make and manage their bookings with Camp Australia through an industry-leading app for their phone! Not only that, but the app will become the way they can look at who is working in the service, their billing, and a gallery of what is happening in the program for their children.

The removal of FBO was important for a successful Parent Portal design to give families what they want. FBO was designed to give parents more options and to make life easier; it didn’t achieve this end.

With the return to a more simplified booking structure, there is no impact for most families as the new recurring booking option is equivalent to our current Silver account applying to 60% of our families.

As we want to ensure a smooth transition for parents at Minchinbury Public School, we will grandfather the current fee arrangements for our Blue and Gold account holders to the end of Term 4 for any existing bookings and new bookings that were made before Monday, 12th October 2020. This was communicated to parents on Thursday, 24th September 2020.



# Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

# in 2022

## Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for  
a government selective  
high school for Year 7  
in 2022?

You must apply online at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/  
public-schools/selective-high-  
schools-and-opportunity-  
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



### Key Dates

Application website opens:  
13 October 2020

Application website closes:  
16 November 2020  
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice  
released:  
25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:  
11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:  
2 July 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully before  
applying.**

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**From this year, you will be able to log  
into your application to send and  
receive messages and notices.**

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There may be changes to the procedures  
in this document. Check the website at  
[education.nsw.gov.au/sbs-oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/sbs-oc) regularly for  
updates throughout the application and  
placement process.

Please check the website for information  
before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

#### Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Telephone: 1300 880 367  
Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Facebook:  
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# Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 13 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by \_\_\_\_\_.

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.**

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 13 October 2020 and 16 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notes home

Date	Grade	Title of note
22 September	All students	Book Fair
13 October	Year 5 students	Intention to apply for Year 7 Selective HS in 2022

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.



### 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 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 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 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

