



# Minchinbury Public School

10 November 2020

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Minchinbury, 2770

Principal: Miss Webster

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[www.minchinbur-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.minchinbur-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

## Principal's Message

### 2021 Kindergarten

I have begun to meet our beautiful and amazing 2021 Kindergarten students. I've had an absolutely wonderful time and I'm learning so much.

All of our 2021 Kindergarten students and their families must have an enrolment interview before beginning school. I am still interviewing families this week. Information on how to book an interview has been emailed to families and is included in this newsletter. Please feel free to book your interview time now. I can't wait to see you!

### Intentions for 2021

We have sent a note home to all current families asking them to indicate whether or not they will be staying at MPS in 2021. We need to start planning for the number of classes and the number of teachers needed next year. To do this, we need to have a really good idea of student numbers for next year. It would be very greatly appreciated if you could return that note to us.

*Miss Rebecca Webster*  
*Principal*

While I was interviewing one of our Kindergarten families for next year, the parent told me that she was talking to a community member whose children used to come to MPS. The community member told her that she should send her children to Minchinbury Public School as it is so much better than any private school.

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

# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## 2021 Public Speaking Class Winners

Our annual public speaking competition needed to be a little different this year. Students participated in the competition in classes and two winners were selected from the class.

Congratulations to the following class winners.

|      |                      |                   |
|------|----------------------|-------------------|
| KD   | Baran Goker          | Madison Marsh     |
| KS   | Acey Jeffery         | Tahlia Osman      |
| KF   | Sarah Molony         | Annabelle Davies  |
| KV   | Charlie Whitwell     | Mirella Masic     |
| 1F   | Chloe Davis          | Raphael Nicolas   |
| 1T   | Adam Hefny           | Rose Rabaja       |
| 1/2B | Jayda Hefny          | Isla Fleming      |
| 1V   | Mackenzie Heslop     | Noah Kamandi      |
| 2T   | Remi Nathan-Costigan | Micah Haumono     |
| 2W   | Haris Mansory        | Jean Jueco        |
| 2O   | Ananya Dillikar      | Oliver Walter     |
| 3S   | Lara Arslan          | Jeyda Turkkan     |
| 3H   | Londyn Paluch        | Rachel Daason     |
| 3/4W | Fawad Yousuf         | Jonathan Phan     |
| 4F   | Olivia Vella         | Nevaeh Kake       |
| 4C   | Ilhan White          | Benya Masic       |
| 5/6P | Maddison Briffa      | Kaustubh Dillikar |
| 5/6V | Alara Turkkan        | Kayleb Sing       |
| 5/6S | Jordan Vella         | Isha Maharaj      |
| 5/6M | Hayley Loudoun       | Peyton Maybury    |
| 5/6D | Rohaam Mishra        | Keeley Allen      |

## Library Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Elliott, Mrs Booth and their team of helpers, both staff and students.

Thank you to our families for supporting us in a 'virtual' book fair.

We made \$7109.

We bought \$186 worth of books.

We took \$1344 cash in commission.

Our best result ever!!!!

# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## 3/4W

IN **3/4W**, WE HAVE BEEN  
WORKING VERY HARD ON MAKING OUR INFORMATION REPORT WRITING MORE  
INTERESTING. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING  
WAYS WE COULD INCORPORATE **HOOKS** TO GAIN A READERS' INTEREST. WE ARE VERY  
PROUD  
OF HOW WE USED **QUESTIONS** IN OUR **SIZZLING STARTS**.

WHAT IS BLACK AND  
WHITE AND FLUFFY LIKE A  
PUFF BALL, AND MUNCHES  
ON BAMBOO? THAT'S RIGHT,  
IT'S A  
PANDA. (YARA)

WHAT IS THE LONGEST  
WALL IN THE WORLD? YES  
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M TALKING  
ABOUT THE GREAT WALL OF  
CHINA. (AVERY)

WHAT IS THE TALL HAIRY  
BEAST THAT LIVES AND  
HIDES IN THE WOODS?  
YES, ITS BIGFOOT.  
(ISAIAH)

WHERE DO I GET THE  
TASTIEST TACOS AND  
BURRITOS ? YOU GOT IT,  
ITS MEXICO. (GIZELLE)

WHAT IS THAT AMAZING  
SMELL OF FRESH MEAT  
AND GOOEY CHEESE?  
YUMM IT'S A TACO, A  
POPULAR FOOD IN  
MEXICO. (MERAN)

WHAT IS THAT BLUE  
CREATURE JUMPING  
ABOVE THE WATER?  
IT'S THE  
MAGNIFICENT  
DOLPHIN. (SAVANA)

DO YOU WANT TO  
KNOW A FUN FACT? OK  
THEN, DID YOU KNOW  
THAT OTTERS EAT SEA  
URCHINS? (CHLOE)



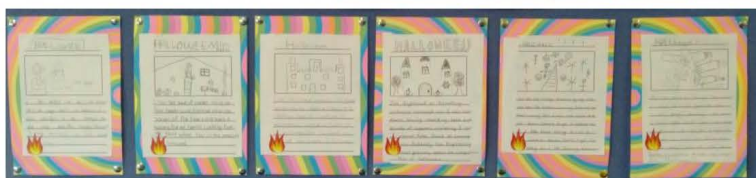
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## 3H

### Term 4 3H

#### Book Week

3H enjoyed dressing as their favourite book characters for Book Week. We celebrated the day by reading our favourite books and creating amazing pieces of writing using a 'sizzling start'



#### Numeracy



In maths we have been engaging in hands-on learning as we discover more about mass and measurement. We have been working in small groups to estimate, measure and compare the mass of various objects in the classroom.

We have been improving our vocabulary through word games in small groups. There have been plenty of discussions amongst the students to find new and improved ways of expressing ourselves in our writing.



#### Literacy





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## 3S

3S is achieving success!

We love our new, flexible furniture! We try to maximise our class time when working independently and collaboratively. Here are some snapshots of our learning.



Sharing ideas in writing tasks



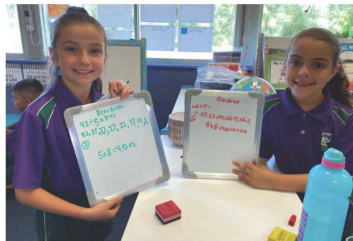
Teaching our peers a trick to the 9 times tables.



Working independently



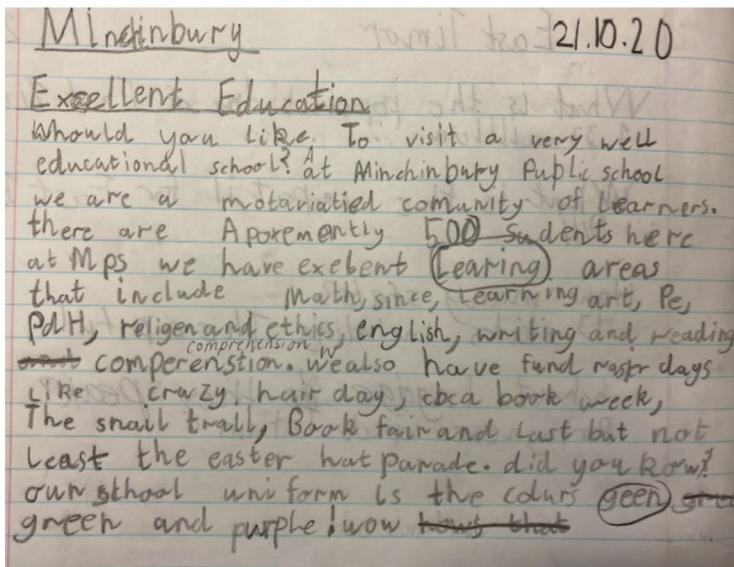
Working together



...and sometimes, we get to write on the desk!

# 3S is achieving success!

Do you know how to write an informative text? This term, we are focusing on transferring facts into an informative piece of writing. We love finding out new information.



We are also practising our flicks in handwriting.

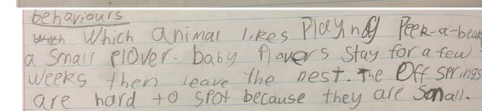
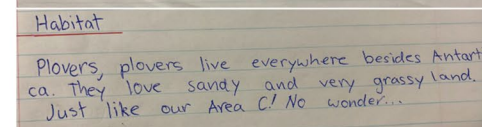
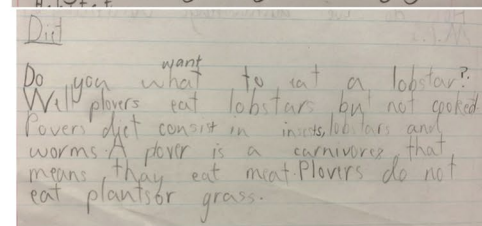
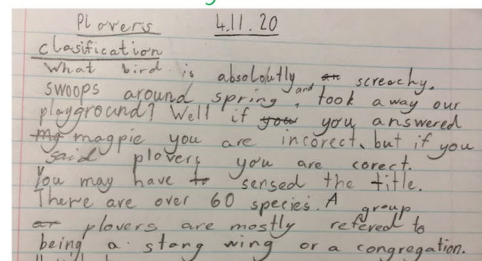
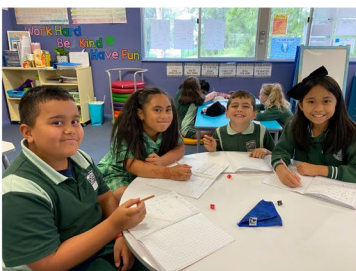
## Plovers

What bird is screechy and swoops in Spring? That's right, a plover!

Do you want to eat a lobster? Well, plovers eat lobsters and other crustaceans.

Plovers live everywhere except in Antarctica. They love sandy areas, just like our Area C!

Which animal likes playing peek-a-beak?  
A small baby plover!





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On the day of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store. Thank you for your support. Lowes will be enforcing social distancing. Marshalls wearing hi-vis vests will be on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

# Blacktown

## Christmas Concert

**Thursday 26 November**  
**6 pm to 9 pm**

Civic Plaza, Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown

Christmas carols | a photo with Santa | lighting of the Christmas tree



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# HAVE YOUR SAY

## Energy from Waste facility

The Cleanaway energy-from-waste facility proposal, including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), is on public exhibition on the NSW Government's Planning Portal website until 16 November 2020.

Our Council has commissioned an independent review of the EIS. We will lodge a submission on the proposal based on this review and the scientific evidence from here and overseas surrounding energy-from-waste.

I guarantee that the best interests of the health and well-being of our residents will be uppermost in Council's considerations and actions.

I encourage you to be aware of the project and have your say by making a submission before 16 November 2020 here:

**<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/25896>**



Councillor Tony Bleasdale, OAM  
Mayor of Blacktown City







# 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/  
schools/selective-high-  
schools-and-opportunity-  
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/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:  
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/  
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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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Dear families,

This year, children have been harnessing their creativity and imagination more than ever – so we wanted to create something special and unique that would give them more opportunities to learn and to give them a platform to showcase their talents with the chance to win amazing prizes.

Launching Monday, 9th November, Camp Australia brings to you **Your Creative Kids** – a week filled with creative experiences to help bring out your child's imagination through a variety of artforms. **Your Creative Kids** will run for the full week in all of our Outside School Hours Care services across Australia.

Complementing **Your Creative Kids** will be **The BIG Art & Expression Competition** where children can showcase their creative skills to a nationwide audience. The competition is open to all registered families and, if you're not registered yet, registration is free!



**To register free and book**

simply visit [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au)

and then visit [campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp](http://campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp)

or speak with your Coordinator to find out more about how to enter our competition!



## Notes home

| Date       | Grade  | Title of note            |
|------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 22 October | Year 5 | 2021 Year 6 Shirt        |
| 3 November | All    | Preparations for 2021    |
| 3 November | All    | NAIDOC Week celebrations |
| 3 November | All    | NAIDOC Mufti Day         |

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

