



# Minchinbury Public School

1 September 2020

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## Principal's COVID-19 Message

These times are continuing to be some of the most challenging times that we may see in education. As a school, we love having the parents/carers at events and sharing in our learning experiences. Unfortunately, this just cannot happen at this time.

I have included a number of notes that have been sent home to the community via hard copy, Skoolbag and on our website. Please take the time to read them again. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our school office on 9832 1488.

I do need to draw your attention to one very specific piece of information that has been communicated to all families. If your child has displayed any signs, even very mild, that are considered to be COVID-19 symptoms, they must not be at school. The Department of Education requires that all students returning to school after displaying symptoms, returns to school with a negative COVID-19 test.

- **Where a parent/carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID-19 test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, the student is to be excluded from school for a 10 day period. Additionally, the student must be symptom free for at least three days before returning to school.**

I am going to thank you in advance for being as understanding as possible if we need to contact you about your child being unwell.

I would also like to express my true gratitude and admiration for our office staff who have communicated with our families as respectfully as possible.



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## Principal's Message (continued)

### Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Parent Survey (Partners in Learning Survey)

It's that time of the year again when I am going to playfully hassle all of our wonderful families to complete this survey.

Things that have been changed / adapted due to the completion of past TTFM surveys:

- Change to parent/teacher interview timing throughout the year
- Upgraded grassed area in the playground
- Upgraded student toilets
- Change from food prizes for whole school RSL (respectful, safe, learner) draws

We need your feedback.

You can complete this survey online by entering the following URL:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bw58x>

You can also complete the hard copy survey that has been sent home.

Now, you know me...another copy of this survey will be sent home to families who have not yet completed it. There is a number written on each survey. The reason for the number is simply so that I don't send the survey home to a family who has already completed it. If you have completed the survey online, feel free to write 'completed' on the hard copy survey and return it to the school. This way, I won't send another survey home to you.

And, please know that I am sincerely grateful for all of our families taking the time to give us feedback to make our school a better place for our entire community.

### Father's Day Stall

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we will be unable to hold our Father's Day Stall this year.

### Student Leadership for 2021

It's time to think about next year!!!

We have changed our student leadership nomination process. The process for students from this year is:

- Year 5 students self-nominate if they would like to stand for school captain, vice captain or prefect
- Year 5 students vote for 12 boys and 12 girls to stand for positions
- These 12 boys and 12 girls will deliver speeches to Year 2 to Year 5.
- The Year 2 to Year 5 students elect the leadership team from those 24 students

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact me on 9832 1488.

*Miss Rebecca Webster*

*Principal*

# Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

## Debating Team

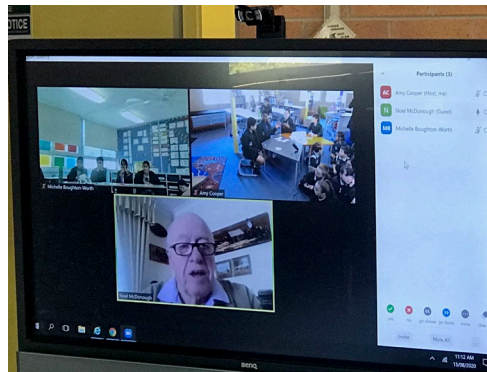
Debating looks very different in the current climate. However, you can't keep a good team down.

Our debating team went up against the debating team from Ropes Crossing Public School. The topic was *That all tests should be banned in primary schools*. Minchinbury Public School argued the affirmative. We argued well and came out as the winners of the debate. Congratulations!

Team: John Jose, Shaurav Singh, Lincoln Johnston, Logan Swain

Chair & Time Keepers: Isha Maharaj, Aykum Chauhan, Goldie Hutchinson

Coaches: Mrs Cooper & Miss He



## SASS Recognition Week

This week we have been celebrating our School Administrative and Support Staff. These staff members work in our office, our playgrounds and our classrooms. Yes, they are everywhere.

We have the most wonderful SASS staff in NSW. We thank you for all that you do.

Mrs Gatt                      Mrs O'Connell                      Mrs Lapa                      Mrs Gange                      Mrs Michaels

Mrs Balzan                      Mrs Gatmaitan                      Mrs Watson                      Mrs DeCosta

Mrs Elliott                      Mr Jenkins

From a card delivered to the office:

*To the beautiful girls in the office,*

*Thank you for showing me that not all office ladies are scary trolls!*



Happy SASS week to the amazing office staff, thank you for everything you do and especially for the extra little things you do from William Hardie & the Hardie Family

Yes, this is a chocolate fingerprint! ☺

*Enjoy!*

Order#: 100200893

# Updated Information - COVID



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### Students who are unwell and/or displays signs of being unwell

Dear families,

Let me begin by saying how much we appreciate having you as our community. In incredibly difficult times, it is so much easier to work together when we are all trying to move in the same direction.

There has been updated advice received by our school from the NSW Department of Education about how we work with families when their child appears to be unwell whilst at school.

The following information is taken directly from advice written by the NSW Department of Education:

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), even mild symptoms, should not be at school.
- Schools should encourage staff and parents to arrange for the person who is unwell to be tested so they can return to school as soon as possible once their symptoms have resolved to minimise the absence from school. For people who are unwell with respiratory symptoms, a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school.
- Staff and students should only return to school when they have received a negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms have resolved. Confirmation of the negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school. Negative test results are communicated by NSW Health through SMS notifications.
- **Where a parent/carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID-19 test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, the student is to be excluded from school for a 10 day period. Additionally, the student must be symptom free for at least three days before returning to school.**
- COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools are to ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

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I apologise for the size and boldness of the last point. The reason for this is that we need to clarify for everybody that this is a requirement of the NSW Department of Education. We need to follow these directions to keep our community as safe as possible.

There is a COVID-19 drive-through testing clinic located at:

Minchinbury Community Hospital  
Cnr Great Western Highway & Rupertswood Road  
Minchinbury NSW 2770

Open for testing: Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm

Please accept my sincere thanks for helping us to keep our community as safe as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.



Rebecca Webster  
Principal  
28 August 2020

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### CHANGES TO AFTERNOON PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

14 August 2020

Dear parents/caregivers,

In order to maximise student learning time and to ensure the safety of all members of our community, we are making some changes to our afternoon pick up arrangements.

**As of next Monday, 17 August, all K-2 students and their siblings will be dismissed from the school gates at 2.50pm.**

**2.50pm:** Kindergarten students and their siblings will be dismissed from the **back gate** on Barossa Drive as their parent/carer arrives to collect them. Please follow the signs along the path and maintain physical distancing.

**2.50pm:** Stage 1 students (Year 1 & 2) and their siblings will be dismissed from the front gates on McFarlane Drive as their parent/carer arrives to collect them. Year 1 students will continue to be dismissed from the top gate. Year 2 students will continue to be dismissed from the bottom gate. Please maintain physical distancing while waiting for your child/ren.

**3.00pm:** Remaining Year 3-6 students will be dismissed from classrooms to leave the school via the front gates. Any students who attend Out Of School Hours Care will be picked up by OOSH employees. **K-2 students who have not been picked up by 3.10pm will be sent to the teacher on bus duty at the front of the school. Parents/carers will need to pick those students up from the bus duty teacher.**

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher on SeeSaw or through the school office on 98321488.

Sincerely,

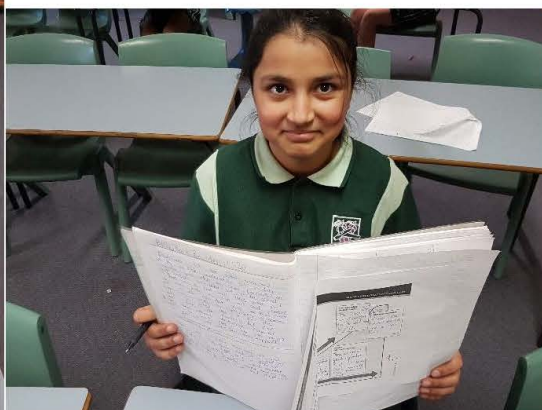
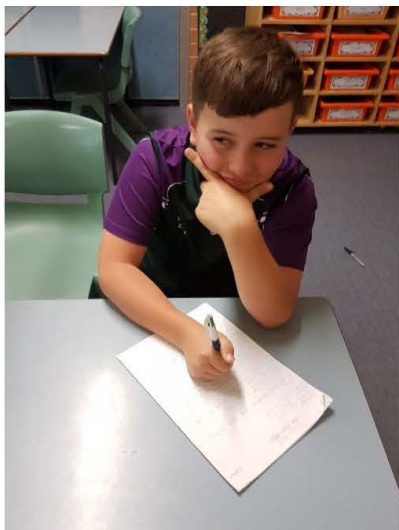
Natalie Bourke  
Deputy Principal

Rebecca Webster  
Principal

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# 5/6V



In term 3, 5/6V have been working on how to write an engaging allegory story. We have been learning how we can plan a story using a story graph and include effective text structure to make our writing more successful. In reading lessons, we have learnt to identify the moral in the story and how we can transfer this over to our writing.

In maths we have been working on improving our division and multiplication skills. We have learnt how to multiply two digits by two digits and enjoy working with our friends to solve these problems. We have also been learning how to use our order of operations to solve number sentence problems.

# We have partnered with Flexischools, to make school lunches even easier.

- Order online at anytime
- Easily monitor special dietary requirements
- Pay with Visa, Mastercard, Paypal or direct deposit

The canteen has requested that if a parent/carer needs to speak to someone about a canteen issue that the parent/carer contacts the Healthy Canteen Head Office on 9678 9242.

Any community member who contacts the school asking to speak to someone in the canteen will be asked to call the above phone number.

## SET UP YOUR ACCOUNT

### 1 Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



### 2 Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

### 3 Login/Register

Click the 'Order now' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for their school, enter student details and select their class.

## ORDER

### 1 Place your Order

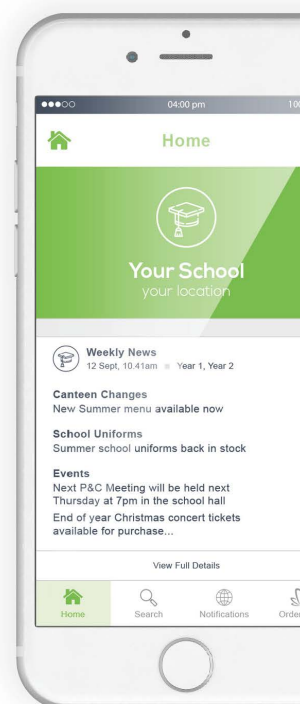
Click the 'Order now' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app and select your student.

### 2 Make your Selection

Select the items you wish to order.

### 3 Make Payment

Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.



Alternatively you can sign-up on [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)

1300 361 769

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# Book Week

## 19th - 23rd October

### \$6 Lunch Pack

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OPTION FROM  
EACH SECTION BELOW

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4 DINO NUGGETS

☐

HOT DOG SAUCE TOMATO BBQ NONE

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NOODLES CHICKEN OR BEEF FLAVOUR

☐

JUICE POPPER

☐

BOTTLED WATER 600ML



Also comes with Jumpys



Random selection

OR



Name : .....

Class : .....

PLACE YOUR **FLEXI SCHOOLS** ORDER  
**BEFORE THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER**  
FOR THE DAY OF YOUR CHOICE





# Join the magic of after school experiences

First  
session  
**FREE** in  
Term 3!

Dear Families,

At Camp Australia, we provide an engaging and supportive space for children to play, connect, learn and grow. If you haven't joined us for one of our OSHC sessions, now's the time to do it as we're offering all new families **your first session free in Term 3!**



## Why choose Camp Australia?

Our experienced team of educators are dedicated to providing a safe and engaging space for your child to learn through experience. Every experience is tailored to your child and focused on developing their curiosity, imagination and resilience.

Every afternoon we've got a feature activity, along with dedicated zones like the art zone, construction zone and relaxation zone; so, your child can choose the best experience for them!

**When you choose Camp Australia, you're choosing:**

**Convenience:** Camp Australia's extended operating hours have been designed to suit most families' needs.

**Access:** Our industry leading Parent Portal gives you complete control of your bookings and interactions with us. Plus, our Customer Care team are available 7 days a week, from 5am – 9pm, so you can call us when it suits you.

## Registration is free

To register and book, head to [pp.campaustralia.com.au](https://pp.campaustralia.com.au).

To attend our care, families must register their child first. Registering your child means we have all the correct information we need to best care for them. Because of this, we recommend all families to register an account with us - that way if you ever need us, you only need to book the session, as we'll already have all the documentation we need from you.



## Government subsidy is available for eligible families

The **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** reduces the fees you pay before you are billed. Your eligibility for the subsidy is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level.

For families affected by COVID-19, the **Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS)** is available to you. Eligible families experiencing temporary hardship can receive an additional reduction on their childcare fees.

**Register free and book now**  
[pp.campaustralia.com.au](https://pp.campaustralia.com.au)

\*Terms and Conditions: Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care. This offer is available for a limited time only; to receive their free session, valid customers must book before the conclusion of Term 3 2020. This offer is only available to new registrants who have not previously used Camp Australia's services. Due to licensing capacities, there are limited spaces available each day, so we recommend our customers to always book in advance. To avoid exceeding capacity, some days may not be selectable. For more information visit your school's page at [www.campaustralia.com.au](https://www.campaustralia.com.au)

## Notes home

Date	Grade	Title of note
19 August 2020	Catholic students	Term 3 Catholic Scripture
19 August 2020	All students	Updated Advice for Families re: COVID-19
20 August 2020	Camp Australia students	Camp Australia and COVID-19 Safety Measures
26 August 2020	Year 5 and Year 6 students	Stage 3 Fun Day
28 August 2020	All students	Students who are unwell and/or display signs of being unwell

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.

## ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

### GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**PRESCHOOLERS**  
build skills and develop  
good habits for showing  
up on time



**ELEMENTARY  
STUDENTS**  
read well by the  
end of third grade



**HIGH SCHOOLERS**  
stay on track for  
graduation



**COLLEGE  
STUDENTS**  
earn their degrees



**WORKERS**  
succeed in  
their jobs

*Too many absences can stop students from succeeding in school and in life.  
If your child misses seven days of school each term (less than one day a week),  
that adds up to one whole year of primary school missed by the end of Year 6!*

***ATTENDANCE MATTERS!***

# Attendance Matters



***Success starts with being here!***



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

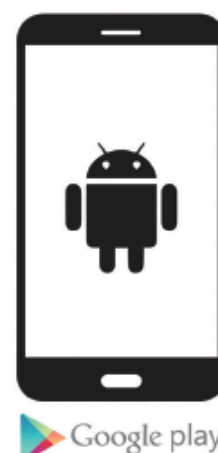
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
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.
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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.

