



Minchinbury Public School

15 September 2020

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Principal: Miss Webster

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Principal's COVID-19 Message

These times continue 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)

The last copy of the survey has been sent home to families. If there is any chance that you could complete this, either online or on the paper copy, it will be very much appreciated. This survey is only meaningful if we have lots of voices speaking up.

And, if you have already completed this... thank you, thank you, thank you!

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.

Honour Assemblies

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to have parents/carers on our school grounds. We also need to keep the mixing of cohorts of students to a minimum. For this reason, Honour Assemblies are being held in classrooms.

I have the privilege of going to each classroom and presenting the awards to the students alongside their class teacher. Instead of a handshake, we are doing an elbow tap.

Letters are being sent home to families to inform them on the award that their child has received. Once awards are presented to the students, a photo of the student with his/her award is being posted to Seesaw.

I am so very proud of our students. I am so grateful that we have the students and staff that we do.

Stage 3 Fun Day

Our Stage 3 students were supposed to be on a three day camp. However, due to the current restrictions (and, I am getting tired of having to use that phrase), the camp could not take place.

Today, Mrs Troy, Miss Mackey and the Stage 3 teachers organised a Stage 3 Fun Day. This included t-shirt painting, a mechanical surfboard, putt putt golf, a silent disco and an outdoor cinema experience in the evening. Our students had a brilliant day with lots of laughs, lots of activity and lots of happiness.

Significant organisation went into this event. A massive thank you goes out to the Stage 3 team for putting this together.

Last day of Term 3: Friday 25 September

First day of Term 4 for all students: Monday 12 October

Miss Rebecca Webster
Principal



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Please note that K-2 students are not listed here as all K-2 students will received a certificate.

Premier's Reading Challenge Stars

YEAR 3

Amarvir Chahal
Rachel Daason
Ryan Gomes
Masooma Jafari
Ali Khatat
Latoya Larkins
Londyn Paluch
Jarryd Santiago
Chloe Swinn
Angelina Yaacoub
Breanna Abassi
Lorena Ah-Young
Lara Arslan
Scarlett Helsop
Mackenzie Ibbotson
Faith Lowe
Sita Naidu
Logan Neville
Mackenzie Pittman
Zainap Sammadi
Lucas Seyfarth
Lilly Smith
Jeyda Turkkan
Joseph Yaacoub
Wendy Sy
Max Wan

YEAR 4

Yara Bawab
Gizelle Burbar
Felicity McKay
Mikaela Nonog
Amisha Parmer
Ella Partridge
Harley Pittman
Jayme Whittaker
Evelynn De Leon
Gurleen Kaur
Benyamin Masic
Namit Patel
Aanya Ram
Zaminali Sawari
Azra Turk
James Aoun
Mariah Baldacchino
Elaina Bramley
William Edwards
Jarred Merana
Tanisha Nand
Mitchell Walker



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YEAR 5

William Allen
Melis Bilgic
Rosalie Hutchinson
Isla Morrison
Charlie Whitham
Mysha Yousaf
Maddison Briffa
Shanice Santiago
Callum Davis
Ecrin Diler
Kailey Morrison
Jordan Vella
Ceylin Diler
Ella Francis
Peyton Maybury
Olivyae Nuku
Talyn Pale-Eli
Summer Thompson
Aleah Fabiano
Rohaam Mishra
Jerome Palaki

YEAR 6

Eden Carr
Ryan Deluca
Sarah Houston
Tyran Shields
Kayleb Sing
Anamaia Witehira
Kartik Bakshi
Mali Coombes
Kaustubh Dillikar
Amy Gower
John Jose
Adrienne Barbeau
Tiana Bawab
Aykum Chauhan
Lachlan Kamenecky
Isha Maharaj
Ava Partridge
Jagbir Singh
Olivia Burnes
Sean Castro
Tarek Hefny
Matthew Lin
Hatley Loudoun
Joanna Merana
Tiana Ramos
Ofeina Tuipulotu
William Hardie
Lincoln Johnston
Amna Mallick
Ella Munday
Jemuel Nallas
Shaurav Singh

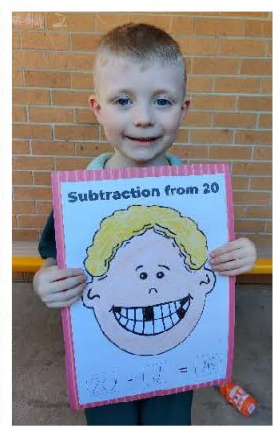
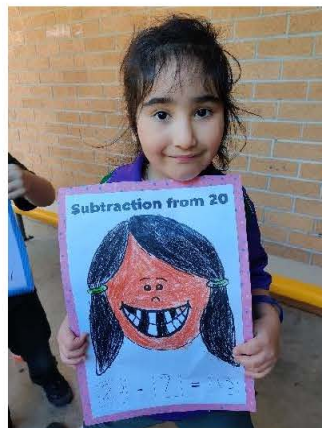
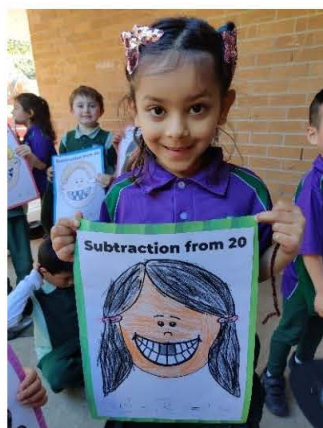
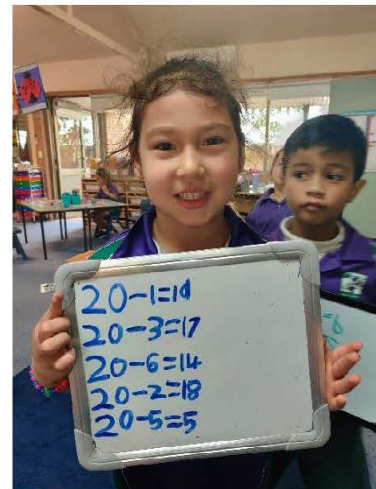


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Subtraction

We have been learning how to subtract and write number sentences.





Fractions

KP have learnt what a whole, halves and quarters are.

Ball skills

We have been developing our throwing, catching and bouncing skills.



Hello Spring!

KP celebrated the beginning of Spring by creating some stunning cherry blossom trees.

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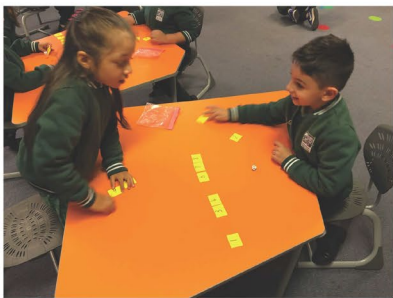
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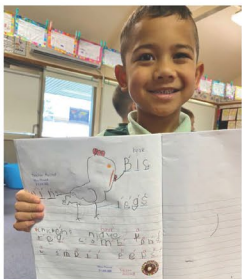
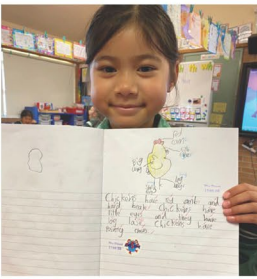
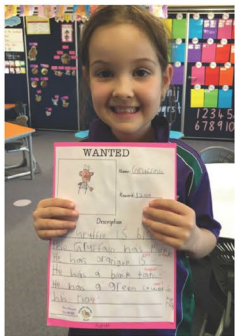
Handwriting while enjoying the beautiful weather.



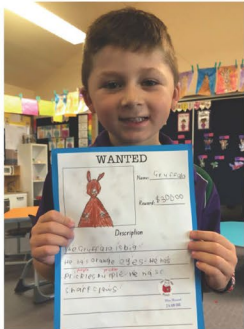
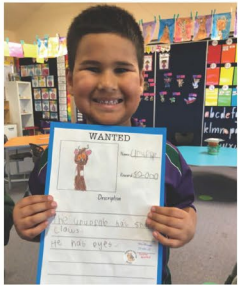
Reading Groups



Mathematics



Writing

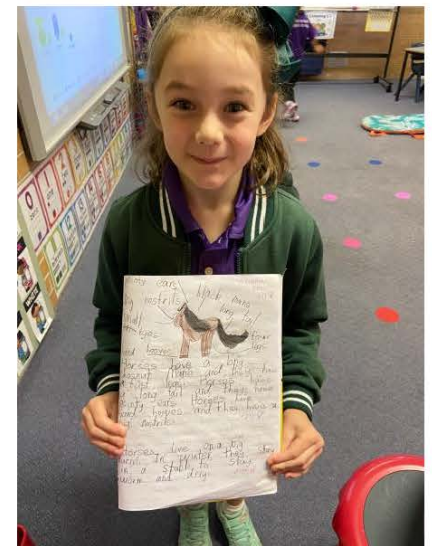
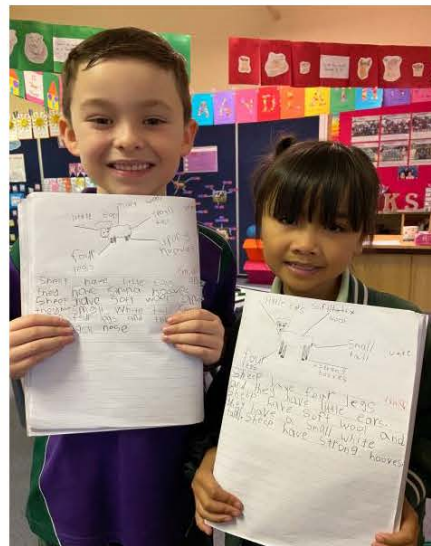
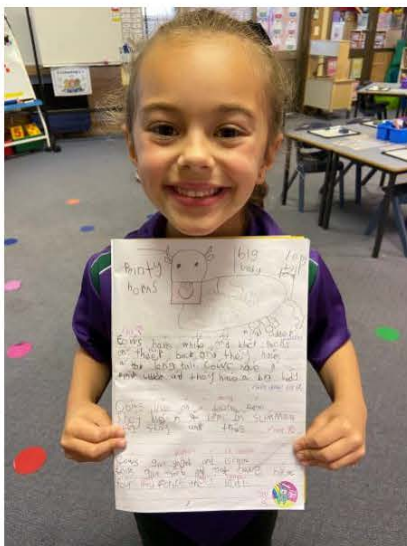


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KS 2020



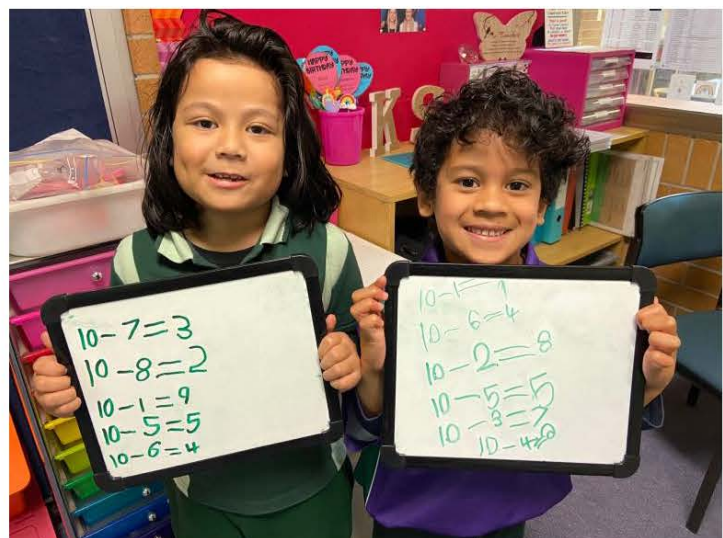
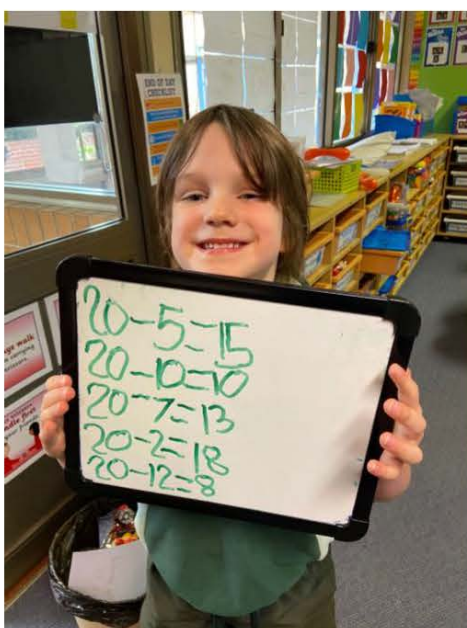
We love reading and listening to others read.



In Term 3, we have been learning about informative texts. We have learnt about a range of different farm animals including pigs, cows, sheep and horses.



In maths, we have been learning about halves. We got to make fairy bread. It was so much fun!



We have also been learning about subtraction from 20 and 10.

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KF



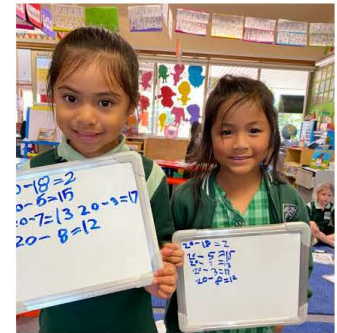
KF friends were given certificates for their excellent bookwork. We can see why Miss Dimond felt that they worked so well.



While some of us are reading at the red table with Mrs Fisher, we focus on literacy activities in groups.



We have been learning to subtract from 10 and now moved on to subtracting from 20. We can write our number sentences independently.



I'm sure that you would just love to be eating fairy bread in class and say that you were doing maths. Well we were! We were learning about half being 2 equal parts. Just look how 2 of our friends showed us different ways to cut their bread into 2 equal parts.



We keep fit on Wednesdays by going out to sport. We are getting so good at bouncing and catching.



Celebration time! We have passed our 100 days of learning! Yay!

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IT have been enjoying learning about data and how we can display and represent information. Here we are making data graphs with blocks.



1T have also been learning our spelling words by playing some fun spelling games!



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Public Speaking

This term students have been encouraged to participate in our school public speaking competition. Our topic was **'My families culture or a special celebration'**.

1/2B enjoyed listening to the many great cultures and celebrations held by their peers.

We focussed on having eye contact to engage the audience and using a voice that could be easily heard.

The children presented their speeches with great enthusiasm!





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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/carers 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/carers 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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Notes home

Date	Grade	Title of note
15 September	All students	Treats for Birthdays / Celebrations
15 September	Some families	2020 Parent Feedback Survey – Last chance note
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".
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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.

