

Minchinbury Public School

9 April 2024

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> Friday 12 April: ANZAC Day Ceremony Friday 12 April: Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 30 April: First day of Term 2

Minchinbury Mentions

It's the end of Term 1 2024!!!!! This is unbelievable.

And...in true Minchinbury style, this newsletter is again quite lengthy. The reason for this is that we simply provide a wide range of experiences for our students and they love participating!

So, I think I'll just let you have a read and a look without too many words from me. What I will say though is...I continue to be astounded by the kindness, generosity and good will of our community. I feel so privileged to be a part of this amazing community.

2023 Minchinbury Public School Annual Report

If you're looking for an interesting read these holidays, then you might like to take a look at the 2023 Annual Report. This has been published to the school's website under the tab 'School planning and reporting'.

Have a safe holiday and we'll continue to learn together again next term.

All students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 30 April at 9am.

Míss Rebecca Webster & Mrs Krísty Troy Príncípals

Upcoming events for the next two weeks

11 April:2:15pm Stage 3 Assembly12 April:10am ANZAC Day Ceremony; 2:15pm Stage 1 Assembly

Notes home

Date	Grade	Title of note
26 March	All students	P&C Bunnings BBQ helpers
26 March	All students	School Photo Day reminder
26 March	Selected students	Zone Cross Country
28 March	All students	ANZAC Day Ceremony
28 March	Kindergarten students	Hearing Screening
28 March	Year 4 students	Harmony 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.





President: Fiona Walker Secretary: Sonya Ramke **P&C News** Vice President: Nazli Goker Treasurer: Tanie Diputado

P&C Fundraising BBQ

Our amazing P&C will be hosting a bbq at Bunnings Minchinbury on Sunday 28 April. Pop by and grab a snag.



Next meeting:

Term 2 - Thursday 9 May @ 5.30pm in the school library.

Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

LEARNING WITH GLEE IN 5/6B

Taking our learning to great lengths!

In maths, we have been exploring so many topics! Addition, subtraction, multiplication, place value, fractions and length! Making the most of the beautiful, sunny weather, we used our

knowledge of measurement, created our own 1m rulers and explored the playground.

Learning by doing....



- In science, we have been learning about the states of matter.
- In English, we have been creating awesome narratives with cool characters!
- In history, we have been learning about the relationship between Britain and Australia.



Ice melting in our

hands

Ice melting on its

own



Ice melting in dirt



Ice melting in salt



In 5/6L we are avid scientists who are exploring the states of matter. We have discovered that matter can be a liquid, solid or gas and that all matter can move from one state to another. We have enjoyed conducting experiments to find the fastest way to change ice from a solid to a liquid. It was amazing to see that salt made ice change states quicker then we thought it would.

Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments Learning Neighbourhood Leadership Day

Minchinbury Public School hosted student leaders from Eastern Creek Public School, Mt Druitt Public School, Rooty Hill Public School and Rooty Hill High School to learn about leadership. Mrs Troy coordinated and presented this event. It's so wonderful that we have great teachers who demonstrated effective and professional leadership skills. Students engaged in a whole heap of activities to strengthen their own leadership skills. We also had the principals of all the schools come and join us for some of the day.

A special thank you goes out to the office staff who arranged the transport of all the students from the different schools and provided all students who participated with a delicious recess and lunch.

Some feedback that we received from the students who participated. Students were asked to indicate, 'Something that I will put into practice from today?'

- Not being scared to step out of my comfort zone. Rooty Hill PS student
- My listening skills and including others' ideas. Mt Druitt PS student
- Trying to be more confident to speak in front of people I don't know. Eastern Creek PS student
- Collaboration and teamwork. Minchinbury PS student

All students who participated believe that we need to run this event again next year. And...we will!



Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

Jersey Day

Thank you to all of our families who were able to support our Stage 3 fundraiser, Jersey Day. Not only did we see a whole lot of sport fans, we also raised money that will go towards subsidising the cost of the Year 6 Farewell. Stage 3 says...thank you!!!





Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments

Bunji Recognition Awards

The students below received Bunji **Recognition Awards at the Monday** morning assembly.

These rewards are presented to students for performing well in an area of the curriculum.

MPS Cross Country

The cross-country results are in: 1st

Hargrave, 2nd

Bird, 3rd

Hinkler & 4th

Smithy.

NSW State Athletics

Championships Don't think that you are reading a newsletter from 2023. This story is

definitely a 2024 story. Our very own Aleksa Kesten competed in the NSW State Athletics Championships. Yes, you have heard something similar to this because...this is her second year making state. Congratulations, Aleksa!

Sydney West **Basketball**

Championships

Congratulations to Aleksa for also being selected to represent the St Mary's / Mt Druitt / Blacktown PSSA in the Sydney West Basketball Team. The team played very well to finish 4th overall.









Merit Awards

The following students received a merit award during the last two weeks. Congratulations!

Respectful Merit Awards

Learner Merit Awards

Ayla	КВ	Ayva	4E
Waseem	KB	Harihini	4E
Zara	KB	Belle	4E
Anmar	KL	Kora	4E
Ashley	KL	Noora	4E
Kenneth	KL	Annabelle	4T
Ayvah	KO		
Mase	KO	Baran	4T
Rabnoor Singh	KO	Elspeth	4T
Aarav	1/2S	Harrison	4T
Amiah	1/2S	Isaiah	4T
Meeran	1/2S	Justin	4T
Maverick	1B	Destiny	5/6B
Ivy-Rose	1P	Holly	5/6B
Jesse	1P	Melis	5/6B
Oaklen	1P	Tahlia	5/6B
Cara	1W		
Malik	2B	Brooklyn	5/6L
Lacey	2W	Kayla	5/6L
Rihanna	2W	Khiarla	5/6L
Aisha	3/4M	Cason	5H
Anabelle	3/4M	Levi	5H
Grace	3/4M	Madeleine	5H
Kamilah	3/4M	Himesh	5W
Keira	3/4M	Jonathan	5W
Evie	3G	Oliver	6P
Valentina	3G		6Z
Lahni	3N	Abby	
Lorenzo	3N	Hennarose	6Z
Saaya	3N	Indy	6Z
Scarlett	3N	Toby	6Z

Issa	KB		
Eden	KB		
Zainab	KB	Alexis	4T
Lachlan	KL	AICAD	
Aarna	KO	Arzu	4T
Moneer	KO	Narjis	4T
Rhythm	KO	INdijis	
Dominic	1/25	Julienne	5/6B
Jasmine Lincoln	1/2S 1/2S	Lillian	
Joshua	1/25 1B	Lillian	5/6B
Noelle	18	Faith	5/6L
Rylie	18	When the late	-
Topui	18	Khwaish	5/6L
Harry	1P	Levi	5/6L
Zara	1P	Madana	-
Jackson	1W	Madyson	5/6L
Said	1W	Adi Alisi	5H
Tutku	1W		
Autumn	2B	Miranda	5H
Isla	2B	Moulton	5H
Kyson	2B		
Lilly Oliver	2B 2B	Gina	5W
Willow	2B 2B	Mya	5W
Jayda	20 2W		
Patrick	2W	Zhander	5W
Samuel	2W	Aija	6P
William	2W	Alja	VF
Aayra	3/4M	Enrique	6P
Charlotte	3/4M	Kashaf	6P
Samantha	3/4M	Nasilai	UP
Adam	3G	Tessa	6P
Brooke	3G	Douron	6Z
Isaac	3G	Devran	02
Jackson	3G	Haadi	6Z
Oliver	3G	tul!-	(7
Samuel Mia	3G 3N	Julia	6Z
Zevana	3N	Prisha	6Z
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Safe Merit Awards

Andre	KB	Isla	2B		- (
Austin	KB	Samson	2B	Fatana	5/6L
Marcellus	KB	Nawal	2W	Mackenzie	5/6L
Aria	KL	Reigan	2W	Samuel	5/6L
Benji	KL	Sienna	2W	Servan	5/6L
Jona	KL	Andre	3/4M	Sukhman	5H
Roman	KL	Hunter	3/4M	Thomas	5H
Zafir	KL	Aidan	3G	Yusuf	5H
Hazal	КО	Emily	3G	Daniya	5W
Mileena	ко	Owen	3G		5W
Harrison	1/2S	Era	30 3N	Georgia	
Izaiah	1/2S	Giselle		Logan	5W
Summer	1/2S		3N	Miia	5W
Bianca	1B	Rangimarie	3N	Raphael	5W
Nicholas	1B	Aubree	4E	Saliha	5W
Noor	1B	Kobi	4E	Christopher	6P
Rhys	1B	Mariya	4E	Daniella	6P
Azlan	1P	Mason	4E	Diesel	6P
Isla	1P	Sofia	4E	Dilara	6P
Kiarlee	1P	Ava	4T		
Mikhaila	1P	Alexis	5/6B	Hayden	6P
Abbas	1W	Ananya	5/6B	Kobe	6P
Maryam	1W	Chanelle	5/6B	Ashley	6Z
Fatemah	1W	Georgie	5/6B	Jad	6Z
Yusuf	1W	Jayda	5/6B	Xavier	6Z

Minchinbury Public School Pride Moments Reading Club

Congratulations to the students below who are making progress in the MPS Reading Club.



Minchinbury Public School Reading Club			
25 Club	50 Club	75 Club	100 Club
Oliver Pittman (KB) Jonathan Lacana (KL) Bentley Delmar (KO) Zoey Vitalis (KO)	Bentley Delmar (KO)		
125 Club	150 Club	175 Club	200 Club
225 Club	250 Club	275 Club	300 Club



What is STEM learning?

PBL end of Term 1 reward

Students at Minchinbury Public school have been demonstrating positive behaviour for learning during Term 1, both in their classroom and on the playground. As a PBL end of term reward, all students will be engaging in a STEM learning day on Thursday 11 April.

STEM activities integrate the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students will become inventors, learning to take risks, critically think about a problem, work collaboratively with others and justify their thinking. STEM learning is engaging and exciting as students critically and thoughtfully provide solutions for real-world concerns.

What will my child be doing?

The teachers in each Stage have been working hard to develop exciting STEM learning experiences to challenge and engage students. Students will work in teams to design, create and test their solutions to a problem.



NSW Department of Education

Information for families considering an Opportunity Class for 2025

Opportunity class (OC) applications opening

OC Year 5 entry in 2025: Applications are open 4 April-20 May 2024

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are **not** zoned.

Where are they located?

There are 86 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 54 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 31 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in over 600 authorised host schools.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school.

education.nsw.gov.au

In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The <u>Equity Placement Model</u> helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to support an increase in their participation.

Students from these groups may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at <u>Opportunity classes (Year 5 – 6).</u>

Ready to apply?

Apply online at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc



Excerpts from

Supporting your K-2 child at NSW schools

https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/resources/teaching-resources

Helping your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home with Mathematics

This guide can help parents support your Year 1 and Year 2 children at home with the learning area of mathematics.

Number and algebra

Representing whole numbers

Representing whole numbers focuses on:

- understanding place value and two-digit and three-digit numbers
- representing numbers to 1000 and partitioning (splitting) numbers to record quantities.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- counting the odd and even numbers on houses as you walk around your neighbourhood. Walk in the opposite direction and count them backwards
- counting numbers by ones up to 120 while skipping rope or throwing a ball to each other. Change
 the starting point of counting, for example beginning to count from 93
- counting backwards by ones from different starting numbers
- practising partitioning (or splitting) two-digit and three-digit numbers into smaller units. For example, 396 can be broken into 3 hundreds, 9 tens and 6 ones
- using a hundreds chart to practise counting on and off the decade. For example, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50
 ..., 3, 13, 23, 33, 43, 53 ...

Combining and separating quantities

Combining and separating quantities focuses on:

using addition and subtraction to solve problems.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- practising quick recall of double numbers to 10. Use double domino tiles to extend thinking to doubling numbers to 20
- finding and discussing numbers in everyday life that are not meant to be used with place value, such as phone numbers, pin numbers, bus numbers and postcodes
- using number bonds, or 'friends of 10', to assist with simple addition and subtraction problems. For example, 4 + 6 = 10, 6 + 4 = 10, 10 4 = 6, 10 6 = 4
- using number bonds to solve addition problems by making groups of 10. For example, the problem
 of 26 + 8 can be solved by taking 4 from the 8 and adding it to the 26. The new problem of 30 + 4 is
 much easier to solve
- solving problems using their knowledge of doubles. For example, the problem 8 + 9 can been seen as double 8 (8 + 8) which is 16. Add one more to make 17
- building number bond knowledge to understand 'friends of 20'. These number pairs are 11 and 9, 12 and 8, 13 and 7, 14 and 6, 15 and 5.

Forming groups

Forming groups focuses on:

using groups to solve multiplication problems or share to solve division problems.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- playing skip counting games or taking turns to count by 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s
- using 5 cent, 10 cent or 2 dollar coins to skip count money
- drawing a skip counting hopscotch path with chalk. Use the hopscotch path in reverse to skip count backwards
- using collections of objects to show groups. For example, share a container of marbles equally between groups. Discuss the number of groups and the number of objects in each group. Refer to the leftover marbles as remainders.

Measurement and space

Geometric measure

Geometric measure focuses on:

- describing the position of objects
- measuring and recording lengths
- halves, quarters and eighths to measure lengths.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- practising kicking a ball to each other's left foot. Then change feet and kick the ball to each other's
 right foot. This helps understanding the perception of their left/right and your left/right when you are
 facing each other
- taking turns hiding an object in the house and giving directions to the find the object
- measuring the length of objects around the house and backyard using informal units of measurement. Examples include, How many dominoes long is the table? How many of my feet long is the bedroom? or How many pencils long is my bicycle? Make sure when using informal measurements the chosen units are placed touching end to end
- measuring your child's height vertically on a wall with both formal and informal units to compare results. For example, stacking and counting plastic connector blocks, using a ruler to measure in centimetres and using a tape measure to measure in metres and centimetres
- measuring the length of household items with a piece of string or a strip of paper. Find half the length by folding the paper or string in half.

Two-dimensional spatial structure

2D spatial structure focuses on:

- recognising, representing and describing a range of polygons (flat shapes which have 3 or more sides) and quadrilaterals (4-sided shapes)
- measuring and comparing area.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- identifying polygons, quadrilaterals (4-sided shapes), pentagons (5-sided), hexagons (6-sided) and octagons (8-sided) around your home or yard
- using folding, colours, lines or patterns to find symmetry of shapes in everyday objects. Examples
 could include reflections of trees and mountains in water, butterflies, people's faces, buildings, a
 dart board, floor tile or brick patterns and windows
- completing origami art from symmetrical paper folding
- using grid paper to design a house for your pet or another animal. Areas could include places to
 eat, store equipment/food, areas to relax or exercise. Use the grid squares to find the area of each
 room and the total house area
- using Lego base plates to design flat shapes and patterns using different size and colour pieces. Add and compare the area of each colour by counting the Lego studs.

Three-dimensional spatial structure

3D spatial structure focuses on:

- recognising, representing and describing a range of familiar 3D objects
- measuring and comparing volume.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- discovering and naming 3D shapes around your home and backyard. Examples include dice (cube), bread (rectangular prism), ball (sphere), toilet roll (cylinder), ice-cream cone (cone)
- making a variety of 3D shapes, such as a cube, rectangular prism, square pyramid, sphere and cylinder from playdough
- creating a 3D snack food plate. Find food that is in the shape of a cube, rectangular prism, sphere
 or cylinder. Some ideas could include cheese cubes, caramels, cheese sticks, baby tomatoes,
 wafer biscuits, pretzel sticks, meatballs, rigatoni pasta, croutons or an orange
- filling different size and shape containers with water, marbles, rice or sand to compare which can hold the most.

Non-spatial measures

Non-spatial measures focuses on:

- measuring recording, comparing and estimating the masses of objects
- describing, comparing and ordering durations of events, and reading half- and quarter-hour time.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- using hefting (holding 2 items in each hand and lifting to test the weight) to order a variety of household items from lightest to heaviest. For example, a mug, a book, a metal spoon and an apple. Check this order by using kitchen arm balance scales
- discussing important family dates by using a standard calendar to illustrate when these events will
 occur. Calculate how long until these events happen, for example, It's 5 days until your sister's
 birthday, It's 2 weeks and 3 days until school holidays or It's 4 months and 2 days to Christmas
- using both analog and digital clocks around the house to understand how to read half past the hour,

quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour time

 using the time measures of hour, minute and second in everyday life. For example, It's 1 hour before bedtime, The food will go into the microwave for 30 seconds or Brush your teeth for 2 minutes – that means counting to 60 twice.

Statistics and probability

Data

Data focuses on:

- gathering and organising data in tables and picture graphs
- interpreting and describing the results.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- assisting them to interview members of your family about a topic of interest. Some examples could be finding what categories of food or television shows family members enjoy the most. Use tally marks to record the answers THL IIII
- representing this data as a simple graph using pictures to show the largest to smallest values. For example, 5 people like seafood, 9 people like fast food and 3 people like vegetables
- describing the information by comparing the data. For example, 4 more people like fast food than seafood, 6 fewer people like vegetables than fast food.

Chance

Chance focuses on:

the element of chance in everyday life.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

 using the language of chance such as certain, impossible, more likely, equally likely and less likely when describing everyday events. For example, I have an equally likely chance of tossing heads or tails on a coin flip.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING? *



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READY 2

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Karate is an excellent way to improve strength and fitness with many students reporting significant weight loss.



Karate kicking engages all muscle groups in the upper and lower abdominal areas & strengthens the lower back.



Enhanced flexibility from karate training can greatly increase posture & vitality.



Children who train in karate are much less likely to be bullied as they develop greater self-confidence & respect.



Children's school work & class behaviour can be greatly improved through karate's disciplined training environment.