



Learning for Life

Week 6 Term 4 2011

MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Eton Street SUTHERLAND NSW 2232 Telephone: 9521 3433 Fax: 9545 3316 E-mail: minerva-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au
WEBSITE: www.minerva-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

2011

Thursday 1 December
Year 12 Formal

Wednesday 7 December
Presentation Day

Friday 16 December
Students last day of
school for 2011

Monday 19 & Tuesday 20
December
Pupil free days.

2012

Friday 27 January
Pupil Free Day

Monday 30 January
Students' first day of
school for Term 1.

Thursday 5 April
Last day of Term 1.

WORLD'S BIGGEST CLASSROOM



What is the **World's Biggest Classroom?**

The answer; all students from around NSW Public Schools have the opportunity to join the **Schools Spectacular** family on the big screen.

The World's Biggest Classroom 2011 theme "Imagine" will provide the opportunity to experience the thoughts, hopes and imaginings of students from a variety of 50 schools across the state. Minerva students and teachers are taking part in the 'World's Biggest Classroom' this year.

This has been made possible by Grant, a Year 11/12 student from JJ Cahill School, who has been given the opportunity by UWS to make a blog on his journey of the 'World's Biggest Classroom'. Grant has visited the school on three occasions to film interviews with students

and staff and their artwork in and around the school.

Grant is also creating a DVD to be shown on the big screen in the Sydney Entertainment Theatre of the school band playing the song written by Mr K which was one of the highlights of Open Night in Term 3.

With the support of Railcorp and Westfield the World's Biggest Classroom exhibitions will also be installed in public and retail venues in the weeks leading up to the show.

Keep a look out for Minerva students on the big screen!

You can visit Grants blog at www.grantsspecjourney.blogspot.com or check it out on youtube.com search "Minerva School"

PRINCIPLE MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

Hot Weather Conditions

Please ensure your child has plenty of water and a sun hat or cap to wear everyday in the playground. In these hot conditions staff encourage all students to drink frequently and to play in the shade. On the few occasions where the temperatures are extreme, students will be supervised inside classrooms for the day where there is air-conditioning.

Physicalasanything.com

A new user-friendly website

www.Physicalasanything.com has recently been launched to support teachers, parents, carers and healthcare professionals to help them help students together. Developed by the department's Curriculum and Learning Innovation Centre in a joint initiative with the disability programs directorate and the Children's Hospital Westmead makes finding reliable, up-to-date and useful information easy to find. With more than 50 articles by medical and educational experts and an A-Z of medical conditions this site is certainly worth a look.

Building Works

The building extension to the classroom closest to the staff car park has finally been completed. Ms Katrina's class have moved into this room during the week. This classroom now has a new entrance point and a sensory/quiet room with access straight onto the oval. The library and playground building works at the bottom end of the school are also close to completion. The anticipated handover date is the 7th December....fingers crossed it goes to plan!

Have Your Say?

The Department of Education and Communities is seeking parent and student input about current school design and what is needed to build better schools and classrooms in the future.

Parents can fill out the online survey at

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/SFSPARENT

Students can fill out the online survey at

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/SFSSTUDENT

Survey closes 28th November 5pm

Fiona Young—Principal

CLASS D

Class D celebrating CanTeen's Bandanna Day!

CLASS C

This term Class C are learning about 'Emergency Services'.

CLASS T



Kristian and Ronan from Class T looking after the new Sensory Garden.

CLASS K



Shopping skills at the Supa Barn.

Welcome Matt to Class K !

CLASS W



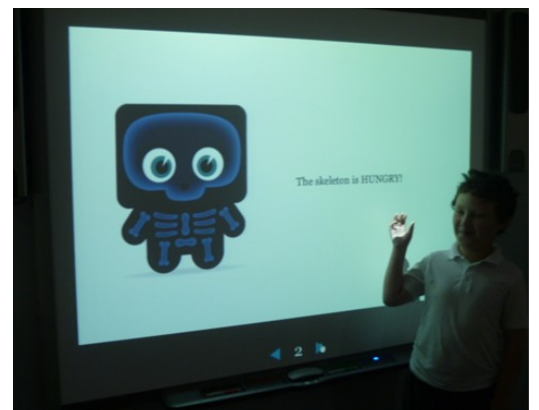
Students playing their didgeridoos that they made for Aboriginal Studies.

CLASS G



Luke being very careful painting his self portrait.

LIBRARY



In Library classes this term students have become the authors.

With the help of a fun web 2.0 tool called 'Storybird' many students are enjoying writing their own stories. Jarnte from class S is sharing his story on the IWB with class C.

MINERVA POSTAL ADDRESS

*Please note:
All correspondence should be addressed to*

**Eton Street
SUTHERLAND NSW 2232**
(The PO Box no longer exists).

PRESENTATION DAY

Wednesday
7 December 2011
Minerva School Hall

All welcome!

Helping Hands Toys

Educational Games/Toys&More

Oudette Stremos

P.O.Box 3433
Bangor, NSW 2234

Phone: 0424890054

Fax: 028544 0795

oudette@helpinghandstoys.com.au
www.helpinghandstoys.com.au



This newsletter can be viewed
online at
www.minervas.schools.nsw.edu.au

Or, 'Google' our website on
'Minerva School Home'

Add this address to your Favourites!



EmbraceAbility Day

Join us in celebrating International Day of People with Disability



Free Entertainment & Activities

• International Food

• Jumping Castle

• Family Fun!

Day begins with a Stroll & Roll
Walk at 9am

Date: Saturday, 3 Dec 2011

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: Dunningham Park,
Cronulla

• Craft & Gift
Stalls

• Reptile Display

• Temporary
Tattoo Art

• Live Music & Performances

Junction House

Sugar Sun

Side Effect

Twinkle Stars

Sylvantones

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Proudly sponsored by:

**Sutherland Shire
COUNCIL**

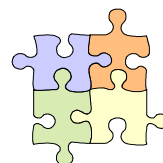


Lovely Care



Accessible transport available departing
from Sharks Leagues Club ½ hourly from
8.30am (Eastern end of carpark).

For more information please contact
Jayne on 9524 3916



Sutherland Special Needs

Toy Library

Provides specialised and educational toys and resources to families that have children with disabilities, generalised learning difficulties, dyslexia, dyspraxia or autism. If you are currently seeing an occupational therapist or speech therapist then toys can be borrowed that mirror your therapy sessions. Toys and resources available cover gross motor and fine motor development, literacy, language concepts, simple games, puzzles, maths concepts, sequencing, social skills, construction toys, musical instruments and parent resources.

No referrals required. Annual membership fee of \$40. Please feel free to visit or phone us to see if we can meet your child's additional needs.

The Multipurpose Centre
Open during school terms
123 Flora Street Sutherland 2232
Mondays 10am – 1pm, Thursday 10am – 1pm
phone 9545 2214 (Mon & Thurs)
1st Sat of each month 10am-12noon
email ssntl@idx.com.au