



Learning for Life

Week 10 Term 4 2011

MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2011

Friday 16 December
Students last day of
school for 2011

Monday 19 & Tuesday 20
December
Pupil free days. Staff
only.

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.

2011 - YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The 2011 Year 12 Graduation was held at the Sutherland United services Club on Thursday 1st December.

Congratulations to the 8 graduates **Luke, Holly, Stefanos, Keegan, Cherene, Scott, Tali and Jay.**

Over 70 people helped celebrate this important milestone for our students. It was a very glamorous and exciting night. All the students conducted themselves with aplomb.

The dance floor was a popular place to end the evening after a lovely dinner, a cake cutting ceremony and some heartfelt speeches from Mrs. Young and the students themselves (via DVD).



"I wore a suit with a vest" (and looked very handsome!)- Scott



"It was magnificent" – Luke



"Dinner was yummy" Scott

"I really liked the beautiful cake, eating dinner and all the balloons" Cherene

"Dancing to Michael Jackson – was fantastic" – Keegan



"It was epic night!" - Stefanos

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'd like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all the parents and community members who have supported our school throughout the year, the P&C, volunteers and loyal band of local community clubs who have worked tirelessly to raise funds for our children and supported us in so many other ways throughout 2011.

2011 has been nothing but rewarding, exciting, challenging, eventful and successful. Here are just some of the highlights of the year.

Extensive renovations around the school; fencing, a classroom extension, installation of a wonderful sensory garden, a new library block and complete renovation of the adjoining playground and sandpit area.

Geoff Tunks completed the Minerva2Melbourne bike ride and raised in excess of \$14,000 for 'The Carty Boys Foundation' and the school. New bikes will be purchased in the new year with funds raised.

Tracey Gocher was nominated this year for the NEITA Foundation's 'Excellence in Teaching Award' and shortlisted for her dedicated effort and expertise in special education.

Jenny Marshall successfully completed her Teacher Librarian degree.

Michelle Cooney recipient of the '2010 Premier's Adobe Information and Communication Technologies Scholarship' completed a 5 week international research study tour in Term 1.

An outstanding 'Open Night' showcasing the school.

A visit by 'NSW Fire Brigade' and in the very last week of term our school sign has finally been installed.

Thank you to the P&C for assisting us with funding to have it replaced, bigger and better than the original one.

Finally, I congratulate all of our wonderful students on their achievements and wish the outgoing Year 12 students and their families our very best wishes for the future.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Regards

Fiona Young—Principal



**THE
FIRE BRIGADE
VISITED THE
STUDENTS
AT
MINERVA !**



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Train with us

Do you have a disability, injury or health condition and want a job?

Are you a mum or dad on a Centrelink payment?

Do you have limited time due to child care responsibilities?

CRS Australia can help by connecting you with training programs that have flexible participation requirements and meet a diverse range of needs:

- face to face and self-paced study options available (a minimum of 15 hours per week)
- no classes during school holidays
- books, training materials and tutoring supplied free of charge
- programs can be tailored to suit your language, literacy and education levels.

To be eligible you must be:

- a person with the care of a dependent child aged less than 16 years of age
- in receipt of a Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) or Special Benefit.*

*Additional eligibility criteria may apply



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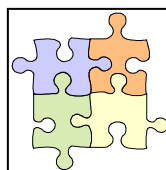
Limited places available - enrol NOW!

Contact the friendly team at the CRS Australia Sutherland office on **02 9545 9200** or come in and see us at 2-4 Merton Street, Sutherland.

'The training and constant encouragement was amazing. I couldn't have done this without CRS Australia'

Adam Woodhouse
bank loan consultant

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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
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1st Sat of each month 10am-12noon
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