



MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Learning for Life

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**DATES TO
REMEMBER
2012**

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Open Afternoon
Thursday 22nd
3:30pm- 5:00pm

DECEMBER

Senior Formal
Thursday 6th

Presentation Day
Wednesday 12th
12:00 midday

**Last Day of Term 4
for students**
Wednesday 19th

JANUARY 2013

**First Day of Term 1
2013 for students.**
Wednesday 30th



SAILING

Class D and Class C enjoyed sailing on the beautiful waters of Kogarah Bay. The program is run by hard working volunteers from "Sailability NSW" using specially designed boats to maximise safety. Sailability also run sailing classes on Saturdays so if you are looking for a healthy and fun activity to do on the weekend you can contact Howard Courtney on 95331240 or ring the school for further information.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This term is flying past faster than ever. Last week our computer network was upgraded by the DEC. This meant all computers across the school were down on average for three days! Having no computers highlighted just how much of our work depends on them. A collective sigh of relief could be heard from the staff and students when they were up and running again. The staff have been attending workshops before and after school to learn how to operate the new system for their own professional use and also that of the students. I would like to thank Assistant Principal and computer co-ordinator, Tracey Gocher and teacher Chris Sinton for co-ordinating the cut over of the new system and professional learning sessions. An enormous job well done. We would also like to thank our hard working P & C for making funds available for our school to purchase a new Interactive Whiteboard. We are very excited as it is being installed today and will be operational for our school Open Afternoon.

Open Afternoon

We hope you can join us next week, for the school Open Afternoon, Thursday 22nd November, 3.30 to 5.00pm. The students are very excited and have been busy preparing classrooms to show family and friends. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents, students and staff and see what has been happening at school throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you here.

School Fees Thank you to all the families and carers who have paid their child's fees. School fees are committed to purchasing a variety of educational resources for your child to support their learning programs. For those who have not yet paid fees are now due and you can pay by cash/cheque or electronic funds transfer to Westpac Bank BSB 032-001 Account Number 14 5048. If you have concerns regarding payment please contact me to discuss this matter further.

Kind regards,
Fiona Young
PRINCIPAL

LIBRARY

Take care!! The Ned Kelly Gang from class K are out on the rampage. They raided the office frightening Ms Trish and had Mr Hely shaking in his shoes.

Can you guess who is who?



Miss Francine hard at work on a backdrop for our school **Presentation Day** next month.





CLASS C

Class C have been enjoying weekly bushwalks to have a picnic lunch at Woronora River



CLASS T

Some of the senior students showing off their chopping board TAS project. Well done!



Class T boys exploring colour and enjoying painting in an Aboriginal style.



Fantastic artwork from Michael in Class S

Nicholas from Class S engaging in a hand writing activity.





CLASS L

Jarnte and Greg busy assembling their construction cars.

CLASS K

Class K have been working hard on making the Solar System



CLASS M

Class M students enjoy Friday sportskills with their AASC coach.



CLASS D Cupcake Day was held on Thursday 8th November. Class D produced 96 deliciously decorated cupcakes along with a selection of flavoured milks. Each student in Class D were set the task of weighing, sifting, mixing and cooking the cupcakes along the production line that was in place for the icing and decoration of each cupcake. The best part of all was they all had a turn at washing and drying the dishes. It was a huge success! Thank you to all the students and staff who supported our fundraiser.





BURRANEER BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL presents

Christmas Night Markets and Carols

Friday, November 30 from 5-9pm

A special evening of Christmas joy, music, shopping, craft and food. All welcome.

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FROM THE P & C

Minerva P & C would like to thank the following people and organisations for their help and support throughout the year.

- To the ladies of the St George and Sutherland Branch of the CWA for their generous support, especially Mrs Kerrie Broomhead for her support at our events and for the beautiful hand made items for our Raffle prizes.
- Thea and Peter from House2Home at Moorebank for their generous donation of gifts for our Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls.
- Greater Union Miranda for their donation of movie tickets
- Rebel Miranda for their donation of gift vouchers.
- Woolworths Sylvania for installing a collection box for our school in their store for the recent Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. Thank you to Joanne Wellington from Human Resources Woolworths Sylvania for organising this.
- Staff at Coles Engadine for personally collecting vouchers for the Coles Sport for Schools promotion.
- Como Jannali Rotary Club who also collected many vouchers for us in the Coles promotion.
- Lastly to our own Minerva Families, friends and staff who collected stickers and vouchers for both the Coles and Woolworths promotions.

Our final tally for the Woolworths promotion was 54,000 stickers and for Coles was 17,000 vouchers. What a wonderful effort. We look forward to receiving the educational resources and sports equipment in early 2013.

Thank you from Minerva P & C Committee.



EBSST Group

Emotion Based Social Skills Training (for children with Autism and Mild Intellectual Disability)

Emotion-based Social Skills Training (EBSST) is a treatment that aims to promote the well-being of children and adolescents with **Autism Spectrum Disorders** and prevent the onset of mental health concerns.

EBSST is the program developed by the Children's Hospital at Westmead and used by the Department of Education and Training, New South Wales, as a social-emotional curriculum for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

EBSST is a group training program that aims to:

- Enhance children's knowledge of emotional and social skills and the application of these skills in specific contexts;
- Provide an environment for children to practice their social skills and receive feedback;
- Provide parents with training regarding the ways in which they can respond to their child's emotional level and behaviour;
- Provide teachers with information on how to use the emotional and social skills children will be learning, within the school setting.

"It provided my child with the skills to understand feelings and their strengths & to problem solve or use the Feelings Control Kit" (parent, 2012)

Parents and teachers are included in the EBSST program to encourage skills to be maintained over time, and to help their child/student use social and emotional skills in the home, school and other environments.

Who is eligible?

Children who are **aged 8-12 years** old and have a diagnosis of **Autism and Mild Intellectual Disability** (minimum reading level is Kindergarten).

All children in the 2012 group reported making new friends in the group and having someone to talk to.

EBSST Modules (Families must attend ALL sessions)	2013 Dates
Module 1 – Understanding Emotions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Session – Wednesday 4-6pm • Children's Sessions (5) – Wednesdays 4-5pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th March • 13th March • 20th March • 27th March • 3rd April • 10th April
Module 2 – Perspective-Taking and Problem-Solving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Session – Wednesday 4-6pm • Children's Sessions (5) – Wednesdays 4-5pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th May • 22nd May • 29th May • 5th June • 12th June • 19th June
Module 3 – Managing Emotions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Session – Wednesday 4-6pm • Children's Sessions (5) – Wednesdays 4-5pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th August • 14th August • 21st August • 28th August • 4th September • 11th September
Booster Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Session – Wednesday 4-6pm • Children's Sessions – Wednesday 4-5pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th November • 27th November

Times: Wednesdays 4-5pm (dates above)

Cost: \$50 (each participant receives both a Child and Parent workbook for each module of the program)

Venue: Peakhurst

Parent Sessions: Child care will not be available during these times.



For more information please contact Tracey Hassan, Family Counsellor at Learning Links on Ph. 8525 8243 or email: thassan@learninglinks.org.au