



MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Learning for Life

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**DATES TO
REMEMBER
2012**

JUNE

Friday 29 June
Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

JULY

Monday 16 July
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 17 July
First day of Term 3 for
students.

SEPTEMBER

Friday 21 September
Last day of Term 3 for
students.

SYDNEY REGION AWARD



Minerva School was recently the recipient of the *Outstanding Achievement Award 2012* by a Sydney Region School. It was a huge honour to receive this award from Dr Phil Lambert, Regional Director, Sydney on behalf of the Minerva Staff.



This is a prestigious award recognising the ongoing commitment and dedication of the staff in supporting and nurturing our students to become *Life Long Learners*.

FAREWELL SUE

Our lovely Miss Sue will be leaving us at the end of this term. Sue has taken a promotion and is set to move onto another school at the beginning of Term 3 as School Administration Manager.

On behalf of the staff, students and families of Minerva I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Sue, for all your years of hard work and the many contributions you have made to Minerva. We are sad to be saying goodbye, but we wish you every happiness and success in your new job.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Sydney Region Awards

I would like to say a very big thank you to the staff, P&C President and Vice President, Mr and Mrs Damcevski for attending the awards evening with me. They all braved horrendous weather conditions on the night, including fallen trees to support the school. It was wonderful to have you there.

Wedding Bells

Miss Michelle has this week left behind the cold Sydney weather and is now enjoying the sunshine in Fiji where she is getting married to her partner Dean. I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations, best wishes and have a wonderful time, from all at Minerva.

Welcome

I am pleased to announce we have a new School Administration Manager, Mrs Trish Palmer. Trish was successful at interview and will be joining us from the beginning of Term 3. On behalf of the school community I would like to say welcome Trish to Minerva School.

Garden Space

During the term you may have noticed a dramatic difference to the physical grounds at the bottom of the school on Eton Street side. Our general assistant, Garry has been clearing all the overgrown shrubs, bushes and small trees which were very unsightly, diseased and causing issues. After many hours of hard work we can now see the magnificent gum trees which were hidden and have space for another garden. Hopefully this space can be utilised for the students in the future when security fencing is completed around the outskirts. Thank you to Garry for the fantastic makeover to the school grounds.

Student Assistance Scheme

Each year the school is allocated a grant of money to assist parents and care givers experiencing financial difficulty with the costs associated with students' participation in school programs. These funds can be provided for use in purchasing student equipment, items of uniform or participation in school activities such as excursions. Student assistance funds cannot be provided for the payment of voluntary school contributions. The funds are allocated upon application to the Principal. Applications are strictly confidential and must include specific information regarding the financial reasons for the request. In making allocations and to ensure funds are distributed fairly, the Principal will consider: the information provided on the application, the cost of the activity to be supported, previous requests and family circumstances.

Staff Development Day

Reminder: the first day of Term 3, 16th July, 2012 is a Staff Development Day. All students will return to school on the 17th July 2012.

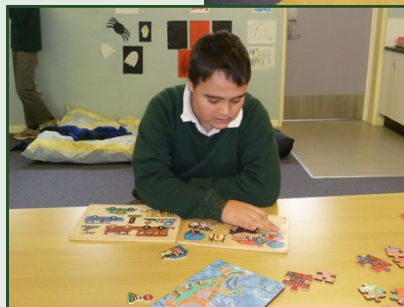
Kind regards,
Fiona Young—Principal

CLASS K



Class K has been working on a collage on Australia made from natural materials from the Sensory Garden.

CLASS T



Class T welcomed Dane to our class this term. The boys enjoy music, sport and making their own lunch.

CLASS C



Class C have been studying 'Australia' and have produced some stunning projects.

CLASS D



Class D students are always happy to help with jobs around the school; here they are pumping up the new sports equipment.

MINERVA SCHOOL MERIT SYSTEM

Six Achievement Awards = One Excellence Award

Three Excellence Awards = One Medallion

Five Medallions = One Trophy

CLASS A



Class A had a terrific excursion to the Bee Garden. Ian taught the students some very interesting facts, including how to handle bees safely!

CLASS M



Class M boys dancing up a storm for Dane's birthday!

LIBRARY



Class M researched 'Where do Echidnas live?' Students made dioramas of Echidna Habitats.



Class L enjoy having a good laugh at library time when we share the story Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith.



CLASS S



Class S are all smiles cooking omelettes at their Food Tech lesson.

Goodbye & Goodluck

