



Learning for Life

Week 5 Term 3 2012

MINERVA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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**DATES TO
REMEMBER
2012**

TERM 3

AUGUST

Work Experience

Begins - Week 5

Healthy Harold

Visit

Weeks 5 and 6

Swim School

Weeks 5 and 6

Book Week

18th to 24th

Father's Day Stall

Friday 31st

SEPTEMBER

Vaccinations Year 7

and Year 10

Wednesday 12th

School Athletics

Carnival

Wednesday 12th

Dental Clinic

Wednesday 19th

Last day of Term 3

for students.

Friday 21st

Healthy Harold comes to Minerva!

Our students were lucky enough to have a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education team this week. Each class had a turn visiting the van and were delivered a number of different programs addressing components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum. The students learnt about healthy lifestyles, personal safety, body workings and the importance of physical activity, friendships, emotions, "stay safe" situations and refusal skills. The students enjoyed the fun and engaging lessons and the visit was a huge success!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We have another busy term ahead of us including; Healthy Harold Program, Father's Day stall, NSW Health Vaccinations, Dental Clinic and School Athletics Carnival.

Deductible Gift Recipient

Minerva School has recently been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient under Subdivision 30-BA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, effective from the 1st June 2012. You are now entitled to claim your donation as a tax deduction. You can check the status of Minerva School by visiting the Australian Business Registrar at

www.abn.business.gov.au

Flu Season

Thank you to all parents and carers who are keeping their children at home if they are ill. Coughs, colds and flu is upon us and keeping your children at home while they rest and recuperate helps to stop the spread of germs to other students and staff.

School Counsellors' Visit

The students and staff this week welcomed 15 School Counsellors from our local Primary and High Schools to spend an afternoon with us. The counsellors enjoyed our Friday school assembly, a performance from the school band then took a walk around the school and classrooms to meet the staff and students. The feedback from the counsellors was extremely positive.

School Fees

Thank you to all the families and carers who have paid their child's school fees. School fees are committed to purchasing a variety of educational resources for your child to support their learning programs. A reminder note will be sent home this week to those who have outstanding accounts. You can pay by instalments or in full at any time. If you have concerns regarding the fees, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter further.

Late Arrival

Any student arriving after 9am **MUST** be accompanied to the school office and signed in by their parent or carer on each occasion. This is a legal requirement of the Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy.

Local Schools Local Decisions

Go to <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/lslld> for regular updates, fact sheets and answers to frequently asked questions about the Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms including fact sheets on RAM- the new Resource Allocation Model that has been developed to allocate funding for public schools.

Kind regards,
Fiona Young
Principal

LIBRARY

BOOK WEEK 18th – 24th August 2012



Library Timetable changes:

Tuesday – Class T & K

Wednesday – Class S, D & M

Thursday – Class A, L & C

Please continue to support your child with library lessons by enjoying their book choices with them, & returning books in library bags on their library day.

'CHAMPIONS READ'

LIBRARY



Jayden from class T makes a start on our creation.



Students from class M.....
happy to get their hands dirty!

Class K's 'Under The Sea'
mural.

NAIDOC Week 1-8 July 2012

Celebrations of aboriginal culture began in the library with shared dreamtime stories, didgeridoo music and bark painting, and then moved to a more earthy experience out in the sensory garden.

Students from many classes joined in the creation of a mandala of circles made out of different coloured earth and sand.



Matt celebrating their achievements.

CLASS K



CLASS D

Class D working hard at making treat day a success.

CLASS L



Class L love spending time in the Sensory Room.

CLASS A

Class A fighting fit on bikes.



CLASS T

Class T working together as they welcome a new class mate Kane.



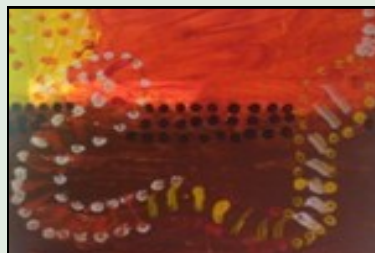


CLASS M

Class M boys enjoying their weekly karate lesson.

CLASS C

Aboriginal Paintings from Class S



CLASS S

Class S presented their artwork at assembly, looking at their different coloured eyes, hair and shirts.



What's On...Programs for this term

Bookings for all courses essential: Please call 8522 4450

Parenting Seminars

Helping Children Become Resilient

Resilience implies bouncing back. This one night (2½ hrs) seminar assists parents to teach children healthy thinking to enable them to bounce back from challenges.

Date: Tuesday, 18th September 2012

Time: 6:45pm for 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Cost: \$25/person or \$45/couple

Talking Positively to Children

Gives parents/carers technical strategies on how to communicate with children.

Date: to be advised. **Please contact our office register your interest**

Time: 6:45pm for 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Cost: \$25/person or \$45/couple

Helping Children Manage Their Emotions

Discover how anger works and learn strategies to help children manage their anger.

Date: Tuesday, 11th September 2012

Time: 6:45pm for 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Cost: \$25/person or \$45/couple

How to BullyProof Children

Assist parents to discuss bullying with their children and develop strategies to prevent and manage bullying.

Date: Thursday, 6th September 2012

Time: 6:45pm for 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Cost: \$25/person or \$45/couple

Ideas for Parenting Teens

Learn how to effectively communicate and set boundaries with your teen.

Date: Thursday, 30th August 2012

Time: 6:45pm for 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Cost: \$25/person or \$45/couple

Casual
Canteen Manager
Sylvania Heights Public School

Job Description

The P&C Committee of Sylvania Heights Public School is seeking to employ an enthusiastic self motivated person to manage the school canteen operations. The position is casual for minimum 20 hours per week during school terms with employment conditions in accordance with P&C and Other Associations Retail Award. Starting time at the school is 8:30am and working till 12:30pm Monday to Friday.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day operations of the canteen as well as ensuring that the future business directions of the canteen as determined by the P&C are carried out to ensure best practice in food service is provided to our students.

We are looking for an applicant who:

- has excellent interpersonal skills as they will be dealing with students, staff and parents
- has excellent organizational skills as they will be leading a team of volunteers
- good time management
- is experienced with negotiating with suppliers
- is a good team player including the demonstrated ability to contribute to and foster a positive team environment

How to Apply

Interested parties should send their resumes through to shpspandc@gmail.com. Successful candidates will be contacted for further interviews. Applications close 31 August 2012.

MINERVA SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

2012 Woolworths Earn and Learn
and
Coles Sports for Schools Program

Just a reminder that the 2 programs are coming to a close for another year. We would like to thank everyone for their support. We have had such a generous response from Minerva students and the community.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion finished on 12th August and stickers must be at school by 3rd September. Current tally is about 40 000 stickers.

Coles Sports for Schools Promotion finishes 14th August and vouchers must be at school by 24th August. If you shop using Coles online, your vouchers will be calculated and you will be able to allocate these to Minerva School at the end of the program. Current tally is about 12 700 vouchers.

Thank you

Minerva P & C Association



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